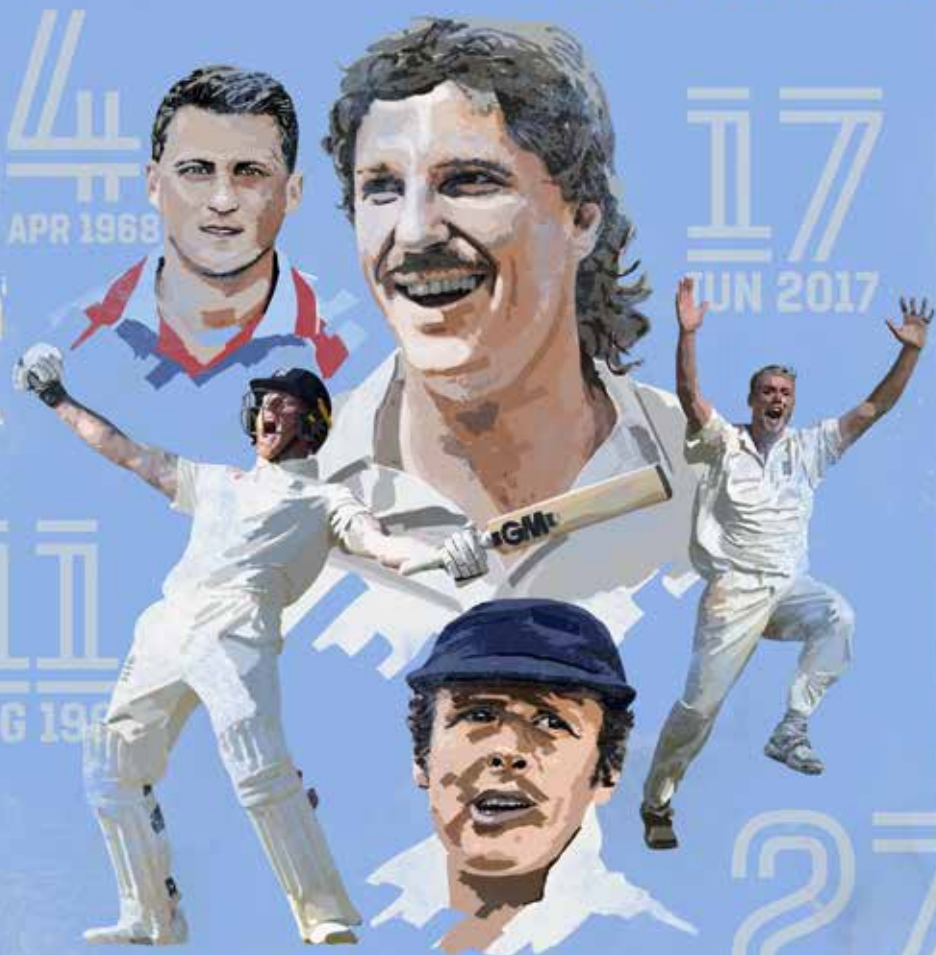


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### **SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1910**

The last top notch underarm lob bowler, George Simpson-Hayward, started his Test career against South Africa in Johannesburg. In the first innings the Worcestershire bowler took 6-43 with his underarm off-breaks. However he was not as effective in the second innings, only taking 2-59, as South Africa set a target which turned out to be 19 runs too much for England.

### **THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1925**

Four different balls were used before lunch on the first day of the second Test at Melbourne before it was discovered that No. 3 grade balls had been supplied and not the better quality No. 1 grade balls. The two captains, Arthur Gilligan of England and Herby Collins of Australia, agreed to play both first innings with the inferior balls to ensure an even playing field. The balls were so inferior that 8 of them were used before 200 runs had been scored.

### **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1997**

The second one day international between Zimbabwe and England at the Harare Sports Club was the first match in which the Duckworth/Lewis method, for calculating a revised target after a delay for rain, came into play. The recalculation set England 186 to win from 42 overs, but they were dismissed for just 179. The highly complex Duckworth/Lewis method was devised by two statisticians, Frank Duckworth and Tony Lewis, as part of a final year project at the University of the West of England in Bristol.

### **WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 1879**

England were on the receiving end of the first ever Test hat-trick at the hands of Australia's Fred Spofforth in Melbourne. In the only Test of the series, "The Demon" claimed the wickets of Rev. Vernon Royle, TA Mackinnon and Tom Emmett in successive balls to leave Lord Harris' tourists on 26-7 in the first innings. Despite rallying well to 113 all out, England went on to lose by 10 wickets having set Australia just 18 to win in their second innings. In total Spofforth, who eventually emigrated to England for business reasons, took 13 wickets in the match at a cost of 110 runs.

### **SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 1937**

Both Australia and England declared their first innings on the same day as the second day of the third Test proved to be a turning point in the series. After heavy rain on the uncovered pitch, Australia struggled to 200-9 and Don Bradman declared to take advantage of the bowling conditions. At 76-9 England's captain Gubby Allen decided too late to declare for the same reasons, and Australia turned their batting order upside down and the tail-enders struggled through to 3-1 at the close. After a dry rest day the pitch eased up and Bradman, coming in at number seven, put on 346 for the sixth wicket with Jack Fingleton to set up victory.

### **SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 1999**

Darren Gough took the first Test hat-trick at Sydney for 107 years at the end of the first day of the fifth Test. The hat-trick was the ninth in Tests for England and their first against Australia for 100 years since that of Jack Hearne at Headingley in June 1899. Gough's victims were Ian Healy, Stuart MacGill and Colin Miller.

### **THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 1879**

"Monkey" Hornby bowled his only 28 deliveries for England against Australia at Melbourne, taking the wicket of Frank Allan without conceding a single run.

### **SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 1925**

For the first time in an Ashes Test no wicket fell during a full day's play. The third day of the Melbourne Test saw England's openers Jack Hobbs and Herbert Sutcliffe open the innings and go on to close the day on 283-0.

### **FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 1997**

English cricket hit a new low at the Harare Sports Club as Zimbabwe completed a 3-0 whitewash in the one-day series. After scoring 249 in their 50 overs, Zimbabwe bowled England out for 118 in just 30 overs. Chicken farmer Eddo Brandes took a hat-trick in the England innings, dismissing Nick Knight, John Crawley and Nasser Hussain.

### **SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2016**

When South African batsman AB de Villiers ran out Ben Stokes at Cape Town, it brought to an end an astonishing innings and partnership. England's first innings sixth-wicket stand between Stokes and Jonny Bairstow had put on 399 runs in less than 60 overs. Bairstow scored 150 from 191 balls, but still played second fiddle in the partnership. Stokes scored a scarcely believable 258 from only 198 balls before being dismissed, the second fastest double century in Test history, an innings which included 11 sixes and 30 fours.

### **SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1902**

Australia completed a 229 run victory over Archie MacLaren's touring England team in the second Test at Melbourne to level the Five Test series. The final three wickets in the match (John Gunn, Arthur Jones and Sydney Barnes) fell as a hat-trick to the Victorian off break bowler Hugh Trumble. Trumble took 7-87 in the match, but was still outdone by his teammate Monty Noble with 13-77 and England's Barnes with 13-163.

### **THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1906**

From a seemingly hopeless position South Africa produced their first ever Test victory, beating England by one wicket at Johannesburg. Having been bowled out for 91 in the first innings and then set 287 to win, South Africa were 105-6 when Gordon White was joined at the crease by Dave Nourse. Their partnership of 121 went a long way towards saving the match, but when the last man, captain Percy Sherwell, walked to the crease there were still 45 runs needed. Sherwell and Nourse guided South Africa to victory in front of a highly excited crowd at the Old Wanderers.

### **THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1923**

England tail-enders Alex Kennedy and George Macaulay secured a one wicket victory against South Africa at Newlands in Cape Town. In a low scoring game, England had rallied from 86-6 to reach their target of 173 thanks to a partnership of 68 from Vallance Jupp and Frank Mann. The victory was England's first in a Test match since March 1914.

### **THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1996**

With England struggling to save the fifth Test, and the series, in Cape Town, umpire Dave Orchard gave Graham Thorpe not out following a run out attempt by Andrew Hudson. South African captain Hansie Cronje appealed for the third umpire, Steve Randell, to be used and after the referral the decision was made that Thorpe was out. Match referee Clive Lloyd fined Cronje for appealing to the replay, which should only be done by the umpires. South Africa went on to win the match by 10 wickets and also win the series 1-0.

### **MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1999**

Third umpire Simon Taufel was unable to give a run out decision against Michael Slater as bowler Peter Such was obstructing the view from the only camera angle in use. Slater, who appeared to be beaten by Dean Headley's direct throw on 35, was given not out and went on to score 123 out of Australia's 184 all out. This set England a total of 287 to square the series and they fell 98 runs short.

### **TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1971**

When the Melbourne Test became only the third Ashes Test to be abandoned without a ball being bowled due to the weather, the two teams agreed to return and play out a 40 over match (eight balls per over). England made 190 before being bowled out and then Australia won the match with 191-5. This match was later credited with being the first one day international and the successful experiment became a fixture of the cricketing calendar.

### **MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1987**

During the sixth group game of the Benson & Hedges Challenge in Perth, Ramiz Raja of Pakistan was controversially run out. He had clipped Mike Gatting to Bill Athey who had taken the catch and Ramiz had started to walk as he had not heard umpire Tony Crafter call no-ball. Athey threw the ball to Jack Richards behind the stumps who removed the bails and appealed to square leg umpire Dick French. The umpire incorrectly gave the Pakistani batsman out as he had not been attempting a run.

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2003**

Andy Bichel trapped Michael Vaughan leg before wicket for 183 in Sydney. Vaughan's innings helped to set Australia the unlikely target of 452 to win. Vaughan scored 633 runs in the series, including three centuries, and also two ducks.

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014**

When George Bailey brilliantly caught Kevin Pietersen from the bowling of Ryan Harris in Sydney, it brought the curtain down on a great, if controversial, Test career. Extremely talented, yet never one to shy away from conflict and controversy, Pietersen's Test career ended with him amassing 8,181 runs in his 104 Tests.

### **THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1977**

An estimated crowd of 90,000 turned out at Eden Gardens in Calcutta to see the final day of the Test match between England and India, despite the fact that the local heroes needed 21 runs more runs to avoid an innings defeat and had only three wickets remaining. The crowd were delirious when the innings defeat was avoided, but England soon knocked off their second innings target of 16 to win the Test.

### **MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2003**

Superb bowling by Andy Caddick, with figures of 7-94, helped to dismiss Australia for 226 and secure an England victory at Sydney by 225 runs. The result did not make much difference to the series as Australia had already won the Ashes.

### **TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1908**

When England's last pairing of Sydney Barnes and Arthur Fielder came together in the second Test at Melbourne there were still 39 runs required for victory. However the pair managed to knock off the runs to level the series 1-1.

### **FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1966**

Bob Barber scored the highest score of his first-class career with 185 against Australia at Sydney. His innings, which took just 255 balls, helped to put on 234 for the opening wicket with Geoff Boycott, and set up an England victory by an innings and 93 runs.



### **SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1995**

At the third attempt England beat Zimbabwe in a one day international. The Brisbane crowd saw England score 200-8 before bowling Zimbabwe out for 174.

### **WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009**

Kevin Pietersen resigned as England captain after falling out with coach Peter Moores, who was sacked by the ECB. The announcements came after confusion in the media over claims that both men had resigned.

### **FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**

England completed victory in the final Test of the 2010/11 Ashes at Sydney, and Andrew Strauss's side claimed the urn on Australian soil for the first time in 24 years. The victory, by the margin of an innings and 83 runs, was played out in front of a final day crowd made up almost entirely of England supporters.

### **TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1991**

Middlesex spin bowler Phil Tufnell took 6-51 on the final day at Sydney. Tuffers nearly claimed a hat-trick when, having already dismissed Allan Border and Dean Jones, David Gower dropped a difficult chance at silly point off Steve Waugh. Former Australian captain Ian Chappell cruelly claimed that England gained when Tufnell was bowling as he was not fielding.

### **THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1975**

Stand-in captain John Edrich was struck in the ribs by Dennis Lillee's first ball in Sydney as England battled to save the game. Edrich returned from hospital with England on 156-6 in the second innings, but his unbeaten 33 was not enough to avoid a 121 run defeat as England were all out for 228.

### **TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1996**

England were beaten by South Africa for the first time in a one day international in a day/night match in Cape Town. South Africa had recovered from 77-5 to 211-8 after a run-a-ball 66 not out from Shaun Pollock. Pollock then took 4-34, and Allan Donald 3-38, as England collapsed from 155-3 to 205 all out in 10 overs.

## **TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2007**

James Anderson's bowling was hit for 16 runs per over as Australia scored a huge 221-5 from their 20 overs in the Twenty20 international in Sydney. England could only muster 144-9 in response and lost by 77 runs.

## **FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1930**

New Zealand played their first ever Test match as they hosted England at Lancaster Park in Christchurch. Maurice Allom had an unforgettable Test debut for England as he took four wickets in five balls including a hat-trick to leave New Zealand on 21-7. England went on to win the match by 8 wickets with Allom taking 8-55.

## **FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1975**

Sussex bowler James Kirtley was born in Eastbourne. Kirtley's action was frequently questioned and, despite being cleared by an ECB panel after he was filmed by biomechanics experts, the match referee for his one day international debut in Harare, Colonel Naushad Ali, raised questions again. Kirtley had previously taken seven wickets against England for Mashonaland on England's disastrous 1996-97 tour.

## **THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1996**

Chasing South Africa's 50 over total of 262, England opted for the unusual opening partnership of Mike Atherton and Phil DeFreitas at Bloemfontein. DeFreitas only managed 17 but Atherton's 85, along with Graeme Hick's 55 and Graham Thorpe's 72 not out, secured a five wicket victory. Dominican born DeFreitas represented England in 44 Tests (934 runs, 140 wickets) and 103 one day internationals (690 runs, 115 wickets).

## **THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2007**

Former England player Geoff Miller took up the new post of National Selector, replacing David Graveney who had spent 11 years as Chairman of Selectors. Miller scored 1213 runs and took 60 wickets in his 34 Test appearances.

## **FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1912**

In removing Australia's Roy Minnet for a third ball duck at Adelaide, England left-arm bowler Frank Foster broke the middle stump with the delivery.

### **SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1964**

England struggled to score from the bowling of India's Bapu Nadkarni at the Corporation Stadium in Madras. Nadkarni produced 21 consecutive maidens and his first innings figures were 32-27-5-0. England worked out how to play him in the second innings and his figures slipped to 6-4-6-2.

### **THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1995**

In the World Series match at Sydney, England lost to Australia A. The Australia A team included Matthew Hayden, Greg Blewett, Damien Martyn, Michael Bevan, Ricky Ponting, Justin Langer, Paul Reiffel and Merv Hughes!

### **SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1912**

After Australia had been bowled out for 133 at the Adelaide Oval, opener Jack Hobbs scored 187 as England reached 501 in their first innings. In the following days Australia did manage to make England bat again but the tourists easily scored the 109 required for victory.

### **FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1933**

On the first day of the third Test at Adelaide, England batsman Maurice Leyland accused Bert Ironmonger of using resin on the ball. Leyland was forced to apologise after Ironmonger emptied out his pockets, but the Test would turn very ugly on the following day.

### **WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1971**

With Australia chasing 416 to win in the fourth Test at the SCG, England's John Snow reduced Australia to 21-4 at the close. The next day he took his figures to 7-40 as Australia were bowled out for 116.

### **THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1983**

Chasing 239, only two England batsmen passed 20, David Gower with 122 and Ian Botham with 41. England looked like winning the match, needing only 50 from the last ten overs with Gower in full flow. Once Gower had gone, Vic Marks and Bob Taylor struggled to chase 17 from the last three overs. Marks, needing three to win from the last ball, was bowled by Martin Snedden to seal New Zealand's victory in Melbourne.

### **SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1933**

Starting with a conventional field, Harold Larwood hit Australian captain Bill Woodfull above the heart prompting an angry reaction from the Adelaide crowd, a loud cry of “Well bowled, Harold” from Douglas Jardine, and a switch to a Bodyline field. This fielding switch, described by an Australian selector as “the most unsportsmanlike act ever witnessed on an Australian cricket field”, was part of Jardine’s “leg-theory”. This was the English captain’s plan to unsettle and intimidate the Australians, particularly Don Bradman, using accurate and fast bowling from Harold Larwood and Bill Voce, aimed at the body, protected little in those days, to intimidate rather than restrict scoring. MCC manager “Plum” Warner, on checking if Woodfull was okay after the day’s play, was told “I don’t want to see you Mr Warner. There are two sides out there. One is trying to play cricket, the other is not.”

### **TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

Jason Roy scored 180 runs, including five sixes and 16 fours, as England beat Australia by five wickets in Melbourne. In doing so Roy broke Alex Hales’s record individual innings for England in a one-day international, set just two years previously.

### **MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1963**

Batting one-handed because of an injured shoulder, England wicketkeeper John Murray battled for 100 minutes and 100 balls for three not out. The effort was in vain as Australia won by eight wickets.

### **MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1985**

For the first time in 610 Tests, two England batsmen made double-hundreds in the same innings against India in Madras. During England’s 652-7 declared, Graeme Fowler’s 201 and Mike Gatting’s 207 led to a first innings lead of 380, which set up a nine wicket win.

### **THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1930**

England’s first Test match in the West Indies ended in a draw at the Kensington Oval in Barbados. After Andy Sandham scored 152 in England’s first innings, George Headley’s 176 set England 287 to win in 65 overs. England were 100 short at the end of the match.

NASSER HUSSAIN AND HANSIE CRONJE INSPECTING THE CENTURION PITCH IN JANUARY 2000



### **MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1933**

The match described by Wisden as “possibly the most unpleasant match ever” continued at Adelaide. Bert Oldfield edged a delivery from Harold Larwood into his temple and fractured his skull. As mounted police circled the ground, Larwood apologised to Oldfield who replied “It wasn’t your fault, Harold.” The two men became very good friends in later life.

### **FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1908**

All round sportsman Bryan Valentine was born at Blackheath in Kent. Valentine obtained his football Blue from Cambridge, won the public schools lawn tennis championship at Repton, and played golf from a scratch handicap. He appeared in seven Tests, scoring 434 runs at an average of 64.85 and with a top score of 136.

### **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1933**

The Australian board sent a cable in response to events in “the battle of Adelaide” to the MCC saying that the Bodyline tactic was “unsportsmanlike” and a “menace to the game”.

### **MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1993**

Chris Lewis and Neil Fairbrother scrambled a single from the final ball against India in Jaipur to give England victory. Chasing 224 to win, the England innings was dominated by Alec Stewart’s 91.

### **TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2000**

With South Africa having won the series and three days of the final Test match lost due to rain, a meaningless final day loomed at Centurion Park. However an agreement between the captains set up a grandstand finish after South Africa’s first inning concluded on 248-8. England’s Nasser Hussain declared on 0-0 (at the time the first innings could not be forfeited), and then South African captain Hansie Cronje forfeited his second innings to set England 249 to win. The first ever forfeited innings in Test cricket produced a thrilling finale as Darren Gough hit a boundary to win the match with two wickets and five balls remaining. Later events would show that this Test match was proven to be “fixed”, with Cronje having taken 53,000 Rand from a bookmaker to ensure a positive result.

### **THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1933**

England wrapped up the third Ashes Test in Adelaide with relations between the MCC and the Australia board at an all time low. England captain Douglas Jardine, despised by the Australian fans and media for using Bodyline tactics, told the crowd “What I have to say is not worth listening to. Those of you who had seats got your money’s worth, and then some. Thank you.”

### **FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1962**

The first Test took place in what was then East Pakistan but is now known as Bangladesh at the Dacca Stadium (Dhaka) when England took on Pakistan in the second Test of the five match series.

### **FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1996**

England failed to chase just 130 to win in their 50 overs against South Africa at Buffalo Park in East London. Graeme Hick was seemingly in control of the run chase, but as soon as he was dismissed for 39, England collapsed from 75-3 to 115 all out. Paul Adams took 3-26 as South Africa took a 5-1 lead in the seven match series.

### **SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1883**

A game of firsts at the Melbourne Cricket Ground as the first Test hat-trick by an England bowler was claimed by off spinner Willie Bates. Yorkshire’s Bates took the wickets of Percy McDonnell, George Giffen and George Bonnor in Australia’s first innings, as he went on to become the first player to take 10 wickets and score a 50 in the same Test match. England won the match by an innings and 27 runs, the first instance of an innings victory in Test history.

### **THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1983**

Chasing 200 to win from 50 overs against New Zealand in Sydney, England’s debutant opener Graeme Fowler claimed a 21-ball duck. Although Fowler’s failure was followed by one from David Gower, England then lost no more wickets as Allan Lamb’s unbeaten 108 and Chris Tavare’s unbeaten 83, including a rare six, won the match with more than seven overs remaining.

### **SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1956**

Warwickshire's MJK Smith collected his only rugby union cap for England when he played as outside centre in an 8-3 defeat against Wales at Twickenham. Smith made 50 Test match appearances scoring 2278 runs.

### **SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1984**

Only 23 cricketers have taken five wickets in an innings and scored a century in the same Test match. Of these, only Sir Garry Sobers, Mushtaq Mohammad, Jacques Kallis, Ravi Ashwin and Shakib Al Hasan have done it twice. Ian Botham has done it on five occasions. The fifth and final time came against New Zealand in Wellington where, having taken 5-59 in New Zealand's first innings, Botham hit 138, including 22 fours and two sixes, as part of a 232-run sixth-wicket partnership with Derek Randall.

### **MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1991**

After going 3-0 down in the Ashes, England rallied to beat Queensland by ten wickets at Carrara, but even this was not a high point for the tour. After John Morris had completed his innings of 132, he and David Gower hired a pair of Tiger Moth biplanes. They asked the pilots to buzz the ground at a height of 200 feet just as Allan Lamb and Robin Smith were celebrating Smith's hundred. The two batsmen waved back, but the strict regime of Graham Gooch and Micky Stewart were not as impressed. Both players were fined and Morris never played for England again.

### **MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 1968**

The 2,000th first-class wicket of Fred Titmus' career arrived during the first Test at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad when he dismissed Seymour Nurse for 41, caught by Tom Graveney.

### **MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 1987**

Needing 18 to win from the final over all seemed lost for England against Australia in Sydney. Having only hit one boundary in the preceding 97 balls, Allan Lamb hit the next five balls from Bruce Reid for 2, 4, 6, 2, and 4 to win the match by three wickets with a ball to spare.



### **MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 1992**

Middlesex spinner Phil Tufnell took 7-47 as New Zealand collapsed from 182-2 to 264 all out in Christchurch. Tufnell took a total of 11 wickets in the match as England won by an innings and four runs following Alec Stewart's 148.

### **TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2002**

Darren Gough dismissed Ajit Agarkar in the penultimate over to secure a 16 run victory over India in Cuttack. Gough took 3-46 in the match, passing 150 wickets in one day internationals.

### **SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 1994**

As England started their Caribbean tour with a match against an Antigua XI at the St. John's Recreation Ground, Chris Lewis was forced to pull out of the team with a sunburnt head. Having had his hair shaved off by Devon Malcolm a week earlier, Lewis had decided not to wear a hat and then ended up with a burnt scalp.

### **SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 1999**

The day/night match at the Adelaide Oval between England and Sri Lanka in the tri-series produced a tight finish. England scored 302-3 in their 50 overs, dominated by 126 not out from Graeme Hick and 78 not out from Neil Fairbrother. The England innings also raised controversy when Muttiah Muralitharan was no-balled for throwing by Australian umpire Ross Emerson and the Sri Lankans left the field of play. Eventually they returned and an innings of 120 by Mahela Jayawardene, before being trapped lbw by Vince Wells, put them in with a chance. It was fate that Muralitharan scored the winning runs as Sri Lanka scored 303-9 to win by just one wicket with only two balls remaining.

### **SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1891**

Alex Kennedy was born in Edinburgh. Kennedy took 31 wickets in the five Tests he played in South Africa in 1922-23, and a further 27 in the unofficial Tests in the same country as part of Lord Tennyson's touring side two years later. In the Gentlemen against Players match in 1927 at The Oval he took 10-37 for the Players.

### **SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1908**

Kent wicketkeeper William “Hopper” Levett was born at Goudhurst in Kent. Levett played in only one Test for England, against India at Calcutta in 1934.

### **FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2002**

Winston Place, former England batsman, died at Burnley in Lancashire aged 87. Place scored 107 in one Test innings, but could manage only 37 in his other five at Test level.

### **MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1903**

Kent and England batsman Geoffrey Legge was born at Bromley in Kent. The highlight of his five Tests was scoring 196 at Auckland in 1930. A member of the Fleet Air Arm, he died whilst flying in 1940.

### **SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1979**

Benefitting from the absence of the top Australian players who were involved with Kerry Packer’s World Series Cricket, Rick Darling nearly paid for his opening bat slot with his life. The fifth ball he faced from Bob Willis at Adelaide struck him around the heart, and as he collapsed to the ground his chewing gum lodged in his throat. The quick actions of England off-spinner John Emburey saved Darling’s life, as he performed the “pre-cordial thump” manoeuvre. Darling recovered well enough to resume his innings the following day.

### **SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1985**

A thunderstorm reduced the ODI at the Sector 16 Stadium in Chandigarh to 15 overs. England scored 121 in the terrible conditions thanks to Allan Lamb’s 33 from 19 balls, and then secured a seven wicket victory after restricting India to 114, the decisive moment coming when Ravi Shastri was run out for 53.

### **SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1991**

The final ball before lunch from Craig McDermott saw David Gower caught by Merv Hughes at deep square leg at the Adelaide Oval. Gower fell in to the Australian’s obvious trap much to the dismay of captain Graham Gooch, who was still fuming at Gower for the Tiger Moth incident.

### **WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1880**

Surrey and England wicketkeeper Bert Strudwick was born in Mitcham in Surrey. Strudwick played the first of his 28 Tests in 1910, but made his mark six years earlier, taking three catches against Australia as a sub at Melbourne in 1904.

### **FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1887**

Australian captain Percy McDonnell became the first captain to ask the opposition to bat on winning the toss in Test cricket, and it appeared to have worked as England were bowled out for just 45 in Sydney, still England's lowest Test match score. However, England rallied and Billy Barnes' figures of 6-28 in the second innings were enough to dismiss Australia for 97 and win the match by 13 runs.

### **FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1993**

For the first Test against India in Calcutta, the home side picked three spinners, suggesting that the pitch may turn, but England coach Keith Fletcher opted for only one, Ian Salisbury, with four seamers – Paul Jarvis, Paul Taylor, Devon Malcolm and Chris Lewis. England's most successful bowler was part-time spinner Graeme Hick with 5-28 in the match.

### **THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1998**

The first Test in Jamaica was abandoned after just 10 overs with England 17-3. The pitch was breaking up on a length and several deliveries had risen dangerously and struck the batsmen. The captains, Mike Atherton and Brian Lara, agreed with umpires Steve Bucknor and Srinivas Venkataraghavan to abandon the match.

### **FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1999**

Mark Ealham took 5-32 as England beat Sri Lanka by 128 runs in the day/night 50 over match in Perth. Ealham's bowling helped to bowl Sri Lanka out for 99, after England had scored 227-7, Neil Fairbrother hitting 81 not out.

### **SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1892**

Bobby Abel became the first England opening batsman to carry his bat through a Test innings, scoring 132 out of a total of 307 against Australia at Sydney.

### THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1975

When England's Geoff Arnold was dismissed by Ashley Mallett in the second innings at the Adelaide Oval, he became the third English batsman to be dismissed for a pair in the match following Dennis Amiss and Derek Underwood. Australia went on to win the match by 163 runs.

### SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1988

After being bowled for 139 by Steve Waugh in the Bicentenary Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground, England opener Chris Broad flattened his stumps with his bat in fit of temper. The Ashes were not at stake for the one-off Test match, which ended in a draw after Australia scored 328-2 following on. Broad was fined £500 for what *Wisden Cricket Monthly* called a "pathetic display of pique".

### SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011

Chris Woakes took six wickets for just 45 runs in the fifth one-day international versus Australia at The Gabba in Brisbane. The haul, still placed second on England's all-time list of best figures, proved to be in vain as Australia went on to bowl England out for just 198 and win the match by 51 runs. Woakes's consolation was the player-of-the-match award.

### MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1887

After his match-winning 6-28 in the second innings at Sydney, Billy Barnes got into a post-match argument with the Australian captain Percy McDonnell. During the row Barnes aimed a punch at McDonnell but missed and hit a brick wall. The injury sustained meant that Barnes would miss the next Test and England would have a selection problem as they had only taken eleven players on tour.

### SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 1953

England's Trevor Bailey appeared at Old Trafford football ground for Walthamstow Avenue in the fourth round of the FA Cup against Manchester United, having beaten Stockport County in the third round. The game incredibly finished 1-1, but Walthamstow were eventually beaten 5-2 in the replay which was played at Arsenal's Highbury as Walthamstow's Green Pond Road ground was not considered big enough.