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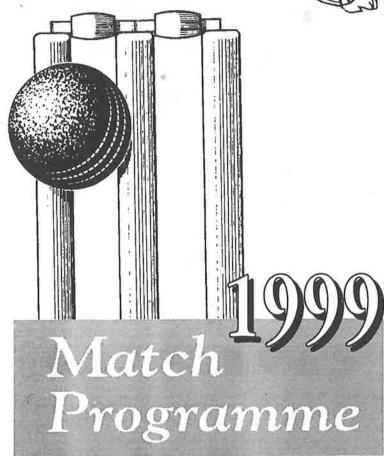


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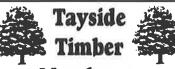
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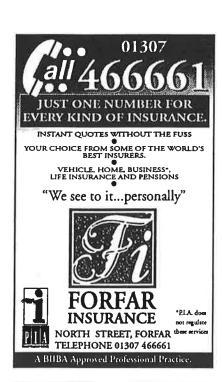
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(a) Result Points

Each team in a tie or in a drawn match where scoring rates are equal; 5 points. For a Win; 25 points.

In a Drawn Match

- (i) Where the team batting first does not bat for more than one-half of the total number of overs agreed to be played.
- (a) 10 points if the total runs scored by the side batting second is less than 75% of the score of the team batting first. The team batting second will receive 0 points.

or

- (b) 8 points if the total of runs scored by the side batting second is 75% or more of the score of the team batting first. The team batting second will receive 2 points.
- (ii) Where the team batting first does bat for more than one half of the total number of overs agreed to play.

The team scoring faster; 8 points.

The team scoring slower; 2 points.

The average scoring rate shall be calculated on the basis of the total runs scored divided by the total overs faced where a partially completed over, for this Rule, being considered as a completed over.

To qualify for points under this Rule the team batting second must achieve 75% of the team batting first's total which they had attained at the end of half the available match overs. This would normally be at the end of the 50th over but could be less if the total overs is reduced because of inclement weather. If the team batting second does not achieve this target then the draw points will be 10 - 0 in favour of the team batting first.

- (iii) In the situation where a match is abandoned after the 80th over the requirement to attain 75% of the team batting first's total will not apply. The points will be decided on run rate with the team with the faster scoring rate receiving 8 points and the team with the slower scoring rate receiving two.
- (b) Bonus Points

No bonus points will be awarded to the team which wins the match.

Batting points shall be awarded as follows:

1 batting point for every 25 runs in excess of 75 runs, up to a maximum of 6 batting points.

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	18- Aberdeenshire	Home (f)
	24- Ayrshire	Away (CC)
	25- Stoneywood-Dyce	Home (f)
May	1- Perthshirel	Home (SL)
	2- Fifeshire	Home (CC)
	8- Freuchie	Away (SL)
	9- Perthshire	Away (CC)
	15- Watsonians	Home (SL)
	16- Clackmannanl	Home (CC)
	22- Clydesdale	Away (SL)
	29- Drumpellier	Away (SL)
	30- East Kilbride	Home (SC)
June	5- Prestwick	Home (SL)
	12- Forfarshire	Away (SL)
	13- Aberdeen G.S.F.P	Away (SC)
	19– Hillhead	, ,
	20- Prestwick	• , ,
	26- Arbroath United	
	27- West of Scotland	Home (SC)
July	3- Perthshire	
	4- Watsonians	Home (SC)
	10- Freuchie	٠,,
	17- Watsonians	
	24- Clydesdale	Home (SL)
	31- Drumpellier	Home (SL)
August	t 7- Prestwick	Away (SL)
	14- Forfarshire	Home (SL)
	21- Hillhead	Away (SL)
	28- Arbroath United	Home (SL)

- (SL) Scottish Cricket League
- (CC) Counties Cup
- (SC) Scottish Cup
- (f) Friendly

STRATHMORE 2nd XI FIXTURES

May	1- Arbroath United	Away (U)
	8- Mannofield	Home (U)
	15- Montrose	Away (U)
	22- Stoneywood-Dyce	Home (U)
	29- Perth	Home (U)
June	5- Cupar	Away (U)
	12- Forthill	Home (U)
	19- Forthill	Away (LC)
	26 Perth	Home (LC)
July	3- Arbroath United	Home (U)
	10- Mannofield	Away (U)
	17- Montrose	Home (U)
	24- Stoneywood-Dyce	Away (U)
	31- Perth	Away (U)
Augus	t 7- Cupar	Home (U)
	14- Forthill	Away (U)
	21- Cupar	Home (LC)

STRATHMORE 3rd XI FIXTURES

STRATHMORE 3rd XI FIXTURES					
April	17- Dundee H.S.F.P. XI	Away (U)			
	24- Montrose XI	Home (U)			
May	2- Rossie Priory	Away (f)			
	9– Brechin XI	Away (U)			
	16- Norwood	Away (U)			
Tues	s.18- Kingsway	Home (f)			
	23- Meigle XI	Home (U)			
	30- Kinloch	Away (U)			
June To	ue. 1– Glamis	Home (f)			
	6- Kirriemuir	Away (U)			
	13- Kinloch	Home (U)			
	20- Forthill XI	Home (U)			
	27- Arbroath XI	Away (U)			
July	4- Montrose XI	Away (U)			
	11- Dollar	Away (f)			
Augus	t 1- Arbroath XI	Home (U)			
	8 Forthill XI	Away (U)			
	15- Meigle XI	Away (U)			
	22- Kirriemuir	Home (U)			
	29- Brechin XI	Home (U)			
Sept.	5- Norwood	Home (U)			
	11- London Tourists XI	Home (f)			
	12- Dundee H.S.F.P. XI	Home (U)			

- (U) Union
- (LC) League Cup
- (f) Friendly

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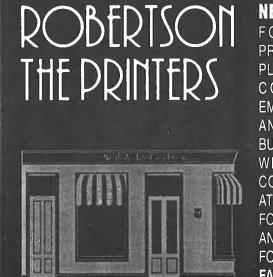


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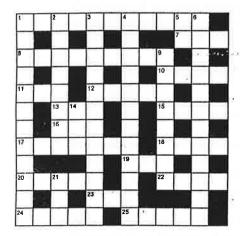
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ACROSS:

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No.8

- Confuse a VIP, neon lid appears on Sky TV cricket show. (8,3)
- 7. Dismissed. (3)
- 8. A five day game. (4,5)
- 10. Pain. (4)
- 11. Bogged down in a -- (3)
- 12. Temporary accomodation for a big game. (5)
- 13. -- short, disallowed score. (3)
- 15. Stumps, end of play. (4)
- 16.— Marsh, Ex Aussie 'keeper. (3)
- 17. Direct or steer to re-establish lead. (7)
- 18. Midday. (4)
- 19. Opposite of off. (3)
- 20. League placings. (5)
- 22. Dispatch to fielding position, (4)
- 23. Single (3)
- 24. Seton suffers a set-back while writing comments in the scorebook. (5)
- 25. Arrive timeously for the game, (5)

DOWN

- 1. Swaying Kent tree rips into former Sussex and Derbyshire South African bat. (5,7)
- 2. Away team. (8)
- 3. Principle of the one day game. (7,5)
- 4. Field as deep as possible. (3,2,3,4)
- 5. Call to refuse a run. (2)
- 6. Most recently admitted team into the English first class game. (6,6)
- 9. B.F. ——, Ex Wellington, Central Districts, Canterbury & NZ player of 60's & 70's. (8)
- 14. Ton reversed. (3)
- 21. Reverse tab for item in kit bag. (3)

The prize for this week's crossword is **two bottles of wine** donated by the editor **Ken McKay.**Congatulations to **Tam Milne, 8 Panbride, Meigle** on winning the prize in the last issue.
Entries to this week's crossword should be placed in a sealed envelope with the entrant's name and address written on the back and placed behind the bar by this coming Wednesday night at 8:00pm. The name of the winner and the compiler's solution will appear on the Club notice board.

PRESIDENT'S PATTER

As season 1999 draws to a close, we find ourselves in the rather precarious position of having to win our last game to stave off relegation to Division 2 of the SNCL. Today's visitors Arbroath will certainly make this no easy task. With the all round talents of Neil Burnett and Chris Plomer, the batting and wicket-keeping of Murray Clark and the off spin bowling of Eric Cartman, they will certainly provide formidable opposition at Lochside today. Our earlier encounter this season at Lochlands ended in a tie and another close match is a definite prospect.

The second eleven travel to Arbroath today to play Mannofield in the final of the Strathmore Union first division League Cup. This is quite an achievment for a team consisting mainly of junior players. Today's chances of lifting the trophy are once again jeopardised by the non-availability of some of the senior players. (hair washing, toe nail cutting and shopping with the wife being only a few of the reasons offered) This is a major problem at the club and I can assure you one which will be addressed next season. On the brighter side however, the team at Arbroath may include the injured Grant Lawrence and the ever menacing presence of the 'Krays', Kevin and Michael Smith. Whether this is enough to swing the match in our favour we will have to wait and see. Good luck to Haggis and his team anyway, and have a good game.

I should like to offer my congratulations this week to David Bridges and the Arbroath second eleven on winning their Strathmore Union championship. They certainly must be doing something right on the junior coaching side because they have a wealth of young talent which is the envy of every club in the area. It must only be a matter of time before some of them receive recognition at the highest level. Much of the credit I'm sure must go to Chris Plomer whos tireless efforts at promoting cricket in the schools and endless hours in the nets have certainly paid dividends. Well done to all concerned.

Today's match sponsor is local builder Willie Silver. Willie has been associated with match sponsorship at the club since its inception and we are all very grateful for his continued support. He is also a keen Scottish Country dancer and I am sure his skills will be on show this evening to the sound of Steven Carcary in the club lounge.

The ball sponsor today is ex President David Hastie. Whether David will be able to join us this afternoon is not yet known as he has many other commitments including bowling at the Canmore, having lunch with the Agha Khan or playing dominoes in the Queen Street bar. I certainly hope he is able to join us as we see so little of him at Lochside these days. Enjoy the game.

Hamish Gow.

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Scorers: W.B. Lee & I Chisholm Umpires: W Duthie & L A Redford

Today's other Hillhead v Freuchie Clydesdale v Perthshire

Div 1 fixtures: Watsonians v Forfarshire Prestwick v Drumpellier

Recent Strathmore 145; D Joseph 23, G McLelland 4/19

Results: Forfarshire 149/3; S Williss 57*, G Garden 50. SNCL Div.1 at Lochside Park.

Hillhead 154; C Tulloch 31, M Torrie 3/37

Strathmore 88, R Bond 8/50 SNCL Div. 1 at Heughenden

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Prestwick	12	7	3	2	239	79.67
Clydesdale	11 -	6	3	2	211	76.73
Freuchie	10	4	3	3	162	64.80
Arbroath United	12	3	6	3	187	62.33
Forfarshire	11	4	3	4	154	56.00
Drumpellier	12	5	2	5	168	56.00
Watsonians	12	5	1	6	167	55.67
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at Lochside:

Sunday 5 September: Strathmore 3rd XI v Norwood (SU Div. 3)

Saturday 11 September: Strathmore 3rd XI vLondon Tourists XI (f)

Sunday 12 September: Strathmore 3rd XI vDHSFP XI (SU Div. 3)

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trathmore Juniors

This years junior fixtures reach a climax on the morning of Sunday 5th September when the fathers and coaches play the juniors. All juniors, seniors, parents, relatives and friends are welcome at the club for a 09.30am start. Any parents available to play should let me know. Matches will be staged for both Kwik Cricketers and hard ball players followed by this year's Junior Prize Giving at 12.30. Those hungry after the matches can contribute to club funds by eating their fill at the barbecue in what it is hoped will be glorious sunshine.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR JUNIORS!

In the afternoon the 3rd team hosts title-chasing Norwood. Several of the juniors outclassed by their Dad's in the morning will get the opportunity to redeem themselves in this 3rd division match.

1999 has been a year of consolidation for the Junior teams with a fresh influx of young talent carrying the membership to over 50 junior players aged from 6 to the slightly older Jackie Knight, the clubs perennial Bairn. Numbers turning up throughout the season for training on Mondays and for the Kwik Cricket matches on Saturday mornings have been encouraging. The junior selectors for the under 13, 15 and 17 teams have actually had to make selections as the strength in depth started to show through. As always, continuing a strong Strathmore tradition, the highlights of the year were the selection of some of our juniors for representative matches. Several played for Angus and Tayside before being chosen to represent the North of Scotland. Following outstanding performances at the inter-district championships Liam Sweeney earned his first caps for Scotland at under-13 level being chosen for this year's tour to Ampleforth. Andrew Cooper reached a total of 10 caps, gaining the honour of opening the bowling for the Scotland under-13 team in an international match against Ireland.

Our Kwik Cricketers showed promise and improvement during the season performing well against some of the best players in Scotland. The under-13 team won 5 and lost 5 of the games they played, finishing with a marvellous display against Forthill, this years Scottish runners up. We reached 95 runs in fading light chasing a total of 98 from 20 overs. Our young under-15 team won 4 of their 12 matches showing a lot of potential for a successful season next year. We lost our only under-17 match against a classy and older Arbroath squad.

On behalf of the coaches, I would like to thank all the parents who have helped on Mondays and Saturdays during the sometimes-soggy season. Without such help the junior section would not exist. Thanks also to David Joseph, our pro, for running a series of very effective coaching sessions for some of our senior juniors — they learned that hard work brings results.

Frank Cooper

STRATHMORE CC IN 1999

For all who love cricket, this is a sad time, the end of summer coinciding with the last opportunity to play or watch their favourite sport. For my part, this feeling has not improved with the need to honour a promise made to our hard working editor. The earlier articles with a historical content proved much easier than writing about this current year.

I have the feeling that our younger members are tired hearing about our glorious past. Had they been part of my party at the Forfarshire game, they would have found plenty of evidence. Those "old cricketers", as Hamish Gow called them, were busy reminiscing as the drama unfolded on the field. The President himself was in good form, and I'd be interested to know if he includes himself and Donald Stewart in that category.

Apart from short spells, neither the weather nor the cricket has been memorable this season. After the reverse in last week's vital away game against Hillhead, today's game against Arbroath is all the more important.

It would be easy to be pessimistic, but I saw some positive and optimistic signs against Forfarshire-Strathmore has never liked to be beaten by our Forthill adversaries. One has to concede that they bowled and fielded magnificently and held several outstanding catches. A lot of our batsmen got into double figures before getting themselves out. Increased application should see us through today. Of course there will be criticism of the team and comparisons made with the past, but this never does much good. What does concern me is the apparent lack of communication between the players and their ever-dwindling hard core of aging supporters. In their different ways both sets are equally hoping for a successful outcome to a year's campaign. The players may feel that the supporters are too critical, while the latter, in turn, think the players are lacking in club spirit.

It requires a great deal of organisation and fund-raising to run a successful and prominent Scottish cricket club, providing first-class facilities on and off the field. To do so requires support, cooperation and loyalty from all classes of members at Lochside.

Us oldies must learn to make allowances for the socio-economic changes in recent decades. In consequence, it is going to be harder for smaller communities to have a successful and nationally prominent team. Educational provision, increasing the numbers of potential graduates, has meant a far higher proportion of our youths going off to college, many never to return on a permanent basis. The increase in two wage families has seen the decline of male chauvanist pigs who used to be happy playing cricket and partaking in the later apres cricket. Youngsters, who feel they are not getting the fair end of the selector's stick and the opportunity to bat and bowl, simply persuade their parents to provide a set of golf clubs and only return to Lochside for the Factory Cup.

The club has certainly to encourage promising youths to interest themselves in both the playing and the running of the club. In recent years, a dedicated group has encouraged the development of junior cricket, but the wastage has been alarming. An increasing body of opinion at all levels wonders if modern players are over-coached. Cricket coaching has been the ruination of a game which should be played for enjoyment. Do our juniors play too often in organised conditions at U13, U15 and U18 levels? Would they not be better with a "chappie-up"?

Today's opponents Arbroath also compete at these junior levels, but there seems to be a different atmoshpere at Lochlands. Even on match days there is a great deal of junior activity in the club and on the ground. This may account for the fact that they seem to have produced more junior talent of late.

On the other hand, we always seem to do well against them and our fund-raising has allowed us to employ a full-time groundsman and currently a professional of test match standard.

On re-reading this article, it seems to be rather serious and I hope I will be forgiven for it. Let us hope we see a fine competitive game today, the kind which will have us starting the count-down to the spring of 2000A.D.

George Peters.

Thoughts From The Park

It is do or die time for the players at Lochside this week with only a victory guaranteed to keep us in the middle flight of Scottish cricket. The free-fall of the side from table-toppers in June to relegation candidates in August is astonishing but highly predictable. As a first team player since 1985 I can say without fear of contradiction that I have never known a season so ravaged by inconsistency of player availability. This has hit the side to the extent that for our most vital away fixtures of the second half of the campaign (Watsonians, Prestwick, Hillhead) we have travelled with a side that was, frankly, barely of even second division standard.

This situation is both annoying and frustrating to the players who turn out for every game and grossly unfair to the players that have to be drafted in to cover. For example, Mark Torrie (who it should be said bowled very well last week in Glasgow) needs to know if he is a first team player or not. His comment last week that, if Strathie were a football club, he would only need to buy the away kit says it all. Mark and the rest of the boys who bowled last Saturday do not deserve to be left out of the team for today's game to make room for returning players. I will be interested to see if they are.

The positive thing to take out of our situation and my comments about it is the fact, implicit in what I have written that at full strength we are good enough. Our results during the season against the likes of Drumpellier, Watsonians and today's visitors show this to be true. All these teams are safe from the drop thanks to a consistency of performance founded on a consistency of selection. We should be at as close to full strength as we have been in many weeks today. What we must do is take advantage of this and achieve the result we all need and are desperate to attain. Let's all hope we can.

On a much more positive note, our seconds travel to Arbroath today for a cup final meeting with Mannofield. This has been achieved on the back of excellent performances in the group matches and is in stark but encouraging contrast to the league position. Again, we come back to selection difficulties caused by so many of the Union players having to answer SOS calls from the National League side, thus depriving the twos of experience and placing unfair expectations on the kids who have to make up the numbers. Good luck has to go also then to the XI as they try to win the club's first piece of silverware for a couple of seasons.

This is of course the last league game of the season for the firsts. It is by no means the last cricket of the season however. On Monday there is a friendly match for a Strathie side made up of those able to bunk off at the slightest excuse padded out with a couple of visitors. The opposition is provided by a team from the city of London who will have already sampled the delights of cricket at Meigle and Balmoral before reaching Forfar. If they have formed an impression of Scottish cricket grounds as rather rustic oases in a cricketing desert before Monday, I am sure they will be pleasantly surprised by the facilities and hospitality at Lochside.

It is signing off time now. After two seasons of writing this column it is time to put the Word Processor into mothballs. Whether or not it will be joined by my bat and boots in cold storage depends entirely on the outcome of this weekend!

Alan K McKay

THIS WEEK IN CRICKET HISTORY

August 23

People	Bom	On	This	Day:

- 1908: Ben Barnett, Australian wicket-keeper on the 1938 England tour
- 1921: Sam Cooke, England slow left-armer, 0-87 and 0-40 in only Test
- 1923: Kenneth Rickards, Wil batsman two Tests 104 runs
- 1930: Jack Bannister, Warwickshire stalwart later BBC commentator
- 1963: Richard Illingworth, England slow-left-armer 1991-
- 1972: Mark Butcher, England Test opening batsman 1997-

People Died On This Day

- 1941: Jack O'Connor, four Tests for Aust 1908-09, 13 wkts @ 25.15
- 1979: Mian Mohammad Saeed, 1st Pakistan capt 1948-49, pre-Test status

Events in Cricket This Day

- 1938: England score 7-903 decl v Australia, Hutton 364
- 1974: Zaheer Abbas scores 240 Pakistan v England at The Oval

August 24

People Born On This Day:

- 1909: Ronnie Grieveson, two Tests as S.Afr keeper-batsman v Eng 1939
- 1959: Adrian Kuiper, South African all-rounder

People Died On This Day

- 1939: W.H.Moule, Australia v England 1880, later High Court judge
- 1968: Cyril Vincent, took 84 wkts of slow left-arm for S.Africa 1927-35
- 1982; Jack Siedle, batted in 18 Tests for S Africa with one century
- 1993: Professor D.B.Deodhar, aged 101, Indian non-Test bat of the 30s

Events In Cricket This Day

- 1938: England beat Australia by an innings and 579 runs at The Oval
- 1959: England complete 5-0 series drubbing of India
- 1971: India beat England by four wickets, their win against the Poms
- 1972: Dennis Amiss scores first one-day int century, 103 y Australia
- 1973; Garry Sobers scores his 26th and last Test ton 150° v Eng Lord's

August 25

People Born On This Day:

- 1952: Duleep Mendls, blg-hitting Srl Lankan batsman of the eightles
- 1957: Sikander Bakht, Pakistani change bowler late seventies
- 1962: Shahid Mahboob, batted in one Test for Pakistan 1989
- 1965: Sanjeev Sharma, Indian pace bowler 1988-89
- 1969: Vivek Rezdan, Indian Test pace bowler 1989-90

People Died On This Day

- 1929: Frederick Burton, Australian wicketkeeper 1886-87
- 1968: Stan McCabe, 39 Tests for Australia 1930-38
- 1976: Perc Hornibrook, 6 Tests 1928-30, 17 wickets

Events in Cricket This Day

- 1890: Would have been start of Eng/Aust Test at Old Trafford. Washout
- 1948: Bradman scores 150 in 212 minutes in his last innings at Lord's
- 1995: Andrew Symonds scores 254* Gloucs v Glam, world record 16 x 6

August 26

People Born On This Day:

- 1890: Tommy Andrews, NSW and Aussie player of the 1920's
- 1909: Eric Quail Davies, pace bowler in 5 Tests for S.Africa 1935-39
- 1930: Joe Solomon, WI batsman of the fiftles. Cap fell on wkt v Aust
- 1963: David Byas, left-handed Yorkshire batsman
- 1970: Brett Schuitz, South African Test pace bowler
- 1977; Liam Botham, son of Ian. Hampshire all-rounder 1996

People Died On This Day

- 1967: Dllawar Hussain, Indian wickelkeeper in the 1930's
- 1987: John Goddard, West Indian captain 1948-53

Events in Cricket This Day

- 1909: Frank Tarrant scores 145 and 13-67 for Middlesex v Gloucs
- 1920: Percy Fender (Surrey v Northants) scores 100 in 35 mins
- 1963: W.I beat England 2-1 in series, first holders of Wisden Trophy
- 1995: Andrew Symonds hits 20 sixes in match for Gloucs v Glamorgan
- 1995: Lara completes seventh Test century, 179 at The Oval

August 27

People Born On This Day:

- 1908: Donald George Bradman, in Cootamundra. The very best ever.
- 1916: Tony Harris, Springbok 5/8th before WW2, Test batsman after it
- 1946: Tony Howard, WI off-spinner one Test v NZ 1972, 2-140
- 1947: John Morrison, "Mystery". New Zealand batsman 1973-82
- 1965: Wayne James, Zimbabwe Test wicketkeeper v Pakistan 1993
- 1969: Mark Ealham, Kent and England Test all-rounder 1996-
- 1970: Dene Hills, prolific Tasmanlan batsman
- 1970; Mark flott, England left-arm pace bowler 1993-
- 1974: Yousuf Youhana, Pakistan Test batsman 1998

People Died On This Day

1965: Gerald Bond, one uneventful appearance for South Africa 1938-39

Events in Cricket This Day

1969: Mike Procter hits six consecutive sixes (across two overs)

August 28

People Born On This Day:

- 1905: Cyril Walters, solid England batsman of the thirties
- 1913: Lindsay Hassett, great Australian bat and capt after Bradman
- 1924: Tony MacGibbon, NZ fast bowler took 70 wickets in the 1950's

People Died On This Day

- 1982: G.W.A.Chubb, 5 Tests for South Africa, 21 wickets at 27.47
- 1988: Paul Whitelaw, two Tests NZ v England 1933, 64 runs at 32

Events in Cricket This Day

- 1929: Frank Woolley scores his 100th first-class hundred
- 1956: England retain the Ashes, Jim Laker 46 wickets in the series
- 1967: Asif Iqbal and Intlkhab Alam make 190 stand for 9th wkt v Eng
- 1992: Test debut of Muttlah Muralitharan, vs Australia at Colombo
- 1995: Last day of Test cricket for Richie Richardson
- 1995: Northants 7-781 decl defeat Nottinghamshire 527 and 157
- 1996: Liam Botham takes 5-67 on first-class debut Hants v Middlesex