



A Cricket Match at Tenterden on Saturday 29 August 1929 as Reported in the Daily Chronicle



STILL UMPIRING AT 84

MARRIED MEN BEATEN BY THE "SINGLES"

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On Saturday Cumberworth and I visited Tenterden, in the Weald of Kent.

The cricket ground is about half a mile south of the town on the Tenterden-Rye road which runs past the east side of Morghew Park. This is the property of Mr Smith [1], who allows the cricket club to use the ground in his park for a rent of £1 a year. Mr Frank Bunn, an electrical engineer, welcomed us on arrival, and said that the Tenterden Cricket Club had had a good season, winning 21 matches and losing 10. Mr Bunn was for 12 years in the Navy and served for a considerable time in China where he played a good deal of cricket on matting pitches. There was an excellent attendance and most of Tenterden had come to watch the game – Married versus Single. There was a fine group of old men with whiskers, seated by the hedge. Very little was missed by their critical eyes. Before the game started we were introduced to Mr Godfrey Roberts, who is 84 years of age.

SAID THE SAME FOR 40 YEARS!

He has stood as umpire every season for 67 years without a break and he told me that this was positively his last appearance. I was informed, however, that he has been saying this for the last 40 years! The married men won the toss and took the first innings on a wicket which I should describe as sporting. I Griffith (a farmer), a left-hand bat, took first ball from C Burdett, a bank clerk, who is a right-hand fast bowler. The smaller stumps were used but this seemed to make no difference to the bowlers. Ted Jenner [2], an electrician, bowled from the other end, and with his right-hand medium delivery took a wicket with his first ball, Griffith being caught and bowled off a full toss. Major Lushington [3], an author, who served with "Quex" during the war, scored three and then had his leg stump removed by Burdett.

MARRIED	
Rev H Arnold b Burdett	0
I L Griffith c and b Jenner	3
Major S Lushington b Burdett	3
S Chacksfield b Burdett	13
W Bark b Jenner	6
R Moon b Jenner	0
G I Turner c Clark b Jenner	7
F Gorham b Jenner	4
H Judge b Burdett	1
C Bourne b Burdett	1
J Bark not out	1
Extras	9
Total	48
SINGLE	
T Jenner b J Bark	8
E Gillett b J Bark	5
C J Burdett b J Bark	4
W J Clark c Gorham b Turner	12
N Winter c Judge b Turner	21
G M Man lbw b J Bark	11
J Thompson c Gorham b Turner	0
N M Davis st Judge b Griffith	23
A Wiggins b J Bark	0
T Dray st Judge b Chacksfield	3
S Lushington not out	0
Extras	12
Total	99
J Bark 5 for 26.	



VARIOUS STYLES IN WHISKERS AMONGST THE SPECTATORS



THE STATELY BLACKSMITH

S Chacksfield, a blacksmith and the groundsman, then marched to the wicket with a slow walk, which even Bradman [4] could not better. He made two beautiful square cuts. Then Burdett bowled the Rev H Arnold [5] with a wicked shooter. Chacksfield suffered the same fate in the next over and Moon [6], a dentist, had his stumps removed with a grand off-break from Jenner. Hereabouts I heard two ladies discussing the match. One remarked "The Singles have prophesied that they are going to give the Married a hiding." "Rubbish," said the other (undoubtedly married), "the single always talk a lot." G L Turner, the borough surveyor, made one or two nice strokes, but was out to a magnificent right-handed catch by W J Clark, a poultry farmer, who was his opposing captain. H Judge [7], an alderman of Tenterden and an auctioneer, survived only a few overs, when he was bowled by a splendid ball from Burdett. C Bourne [8], a garage proprietor, met a similar fate and the innings closed for 48.

"OLD SUSSEX"

Jenner and Burdett bowled unchanged. Jenner took five wickets for 25 runs and Burdett five for 17. During the interval I had a chat with Mr Reeder, a Sussex stalwart 78 years of age. He told me that whenever he and Roberts were seen talking there were cries of "Look at Old Sussex." Mr E Love, a farmer and Chairman of the club, watched the match. The Rev M L Man [9], vicar of Tenterden – whose son kept wicket splendidly – mentioned that in Queen Elizabeth's reign the sea, which is now 10 miles away, was within a mile of Tenterden, and that shipbuilding was carried out

Further information

- [1] The Club have been playing on the ground since 1887, which was when the present Club was formed. The ground now belongs to the Club. The old wooden pavilion, which was later extended, was pulled down in 1969 and a new pavilion opened in 1970 and this has recently been modified.
- [2] Ted Jenner was an employee of Milsteds (Motor, Electrical and General Engineers) at West Cross. When they closed down around 1958 he set up Jenners at 23 Ashford Road, Tenterden. This was previously occupied by Westcliff School which had just closed down. The business later incorporated 21 Ashford Road. Anthony and David Jenner are his two sons.
- [3] The Lushington family lived at Pigeon Hoo, a house on the by-road from Finchden Manor on the Appledore Road to The Dandy on the Woodchurch Road.
- [4] Bradman is Sir Donald Bradman, the famous Australian cricketer.
- [5] Rev H Arnold was the Wesleyan Methodist minister at Tenterden.
- [6] R ("Reg") L Moon was a dentist practising at Melbourne House (84 High Street, Tenterden) where his daughter, Mrs Valerie Burton, now resides.
- [7] H (Harry) Judge, a native of High Halden, was born in 1876 and had an auctioneer's business in Tenterden High Street. He joined the Borough Council in 1906 and was elected an alderman in 1919. He was mayor of Tenterden in 1915, 1916 and 1928.
- [8] C (Charles) Bourne had a garage behind the Woolpack Hotel and later at 21 High Street (now Laura Ashley).
- [9] Rev Morrice Lionel Man was vicar of Tenterden (1924-1932) [and Smallhythe from 1928, which had previously had its own vicar] and then rector of Chartham (1932-1943) before retiring through ill-health to High Halden where he died in 1948. Before coming to Tenterden, he had been vicar of St Peter's Maidstone.
- [10] A P "Tich" Freeman is the Kent and England cricketer.
- [11] R ("Bob") Gillett is the father of Jack Gillett, the producer of this article.
- [12] Jack Bark was a member of the Bark family which ran the Gas Works in Gas Lane (now Bridewell Lane).

extensively."

He told me that on one occasion Tenterden were playing Hastings and were a man short, so the Hon Secretary wired to Tonbridge and a little man arrived to play. He surprised everyone by taking 7 wickets. He was "Tich" Freeman [10]. R Gillett [11], an auctioneer's pupil, opened for the single men with T Jenner, but both quickly fell to Jack Bark [12], a left-hander, who, however, was inclined to bowl just a little too short. Bark has an extraordinary run to the wicket, which resembles a snipe in flight. Shortly before this the Rev H Arnold did a fine piece of fielding, and, with a lightning return, all but ran Jenner out.

THE HIDDEN BATSMAN

With the score at 51 Clark was well caught by F Gorham, who works in the town clerk's office. Tea was then taken. It was a gay affair. Tenterden evidently studies the social side as well as the playing side of the game. On resuming, Man made some good forcing strokes to the leg boundary, but his enterprise was checked by stepping in front of a straight ball. N M Davis, a bank clerk, came in. His stonewalling is well known. The fieldsmen crowded round him, and somebody shouted: "Look out, they'll pick your pockets." For the first three overs it was impossible to see him, as he was hidden from view by a ring of fielders. Suddenly, however, he hit three 4's, and then lifted a ball out of the ground. He was at last stumped, retiring with the top score of the day – a great innings. The Single innings ended at 99, and the Married were beaten by 55 runs. The married had a second innings, and Jenner, by bowling Judge, captured his hundredth wicket in a season for the first time in his life, and was warmly congratulated by all.