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IN SAFE HANDS

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Pride without prejudice

(By Terry Crump, Chairman, Director, Hampshire Cricket Heritage Ltd)



I'm proud to welcome you to this first edition of IN SAFE HANDS the e-magazine published by Hampshire Cricket Heritage Ltd. HCH was formed to maintain and exhibit artefacts, ephemera and memorabilia. The Archive managed by the company is rich in material relating to people, places and events from the origins of cricket in Hampshire to the present day. The Archive is held in trust for the benefit and engagement of all; aiming to promote an enjoyment and understanding of cricket and its social, cultural and community impacts. Enjoy reading this edition and thank you for supporting Hampshire Cricket Heritage Ltd. in its efforts.

So, what has been happening since you gave your support to HCH Ltd.? Well HCH has been active in purchasing artefacts in the form of Desmond Eagar's Scrapbooks and two Signed Cricket bats.

Representatives of the HCH Ltd. (including our Honorary Historian) were involved in a presentation at the Bat & Ball, Hambledon, when the World Cup was on show; a member of HCH Ltd. acted as a guide to an ICC Touring Group visiting 'The Hampshire Bowl' before a World Cup game.

All of the HCH Ltd. Directors and our Honorary Historian were present at the book launch of Robin Smith's book and prepared an exhibition for the event.

HCH Ltd. Arranged sponsorship and designed a display board remembering the Australian Cricketers that have played for Hampshire.

The Life Members' and Members' Day was a success with proceeds donated to HCH.

We are pleased that the family of Derek Shackleton has loaned us a marvelous collection of artefacts, memorabilia and documents (including press cuttings that Dave Allen has compiled into a scrapbook). You will read more about this in the Honary Historian's report to be found below.

HCH Ltd. continues to work closely with Hampshire Cricket on several projects of which you will hear more of in the very near future.

Hampshire Cricket Heritage Ltd. is pleased to have taken on the responsibility of running the Past Players' Day.

Hampshire Cricket Heritage Ltd. prepared and submitted an application to the Charities Commission. The result of that submission is still to be communicated to the Company.

Books

Dave Allen has finished the reprinted edition of his A-Z of Hampshire Cricketers.

Stephen Saunders has published his book on William Ward who played for Hampshire. There follows the Preface to that book:

"There is a well-known lithograph of a cricket match between Sussex and Kent and in the bottom right hand corner of this lithograph there is an elderly gentleman seated on a chair taking no interest in the game whatsoever. I was intrigued as to who this gentleman was and discovered his name was William Ward.

Ward is generally only known by cricket historians as the gentleman who saved Lord's cricket ground from the developers when he purchased the lease from Thomas Lord. However looking at the man there would seem to be more to him than just that. So my research started and I was certainly right.

He was a very formidable character. In addition to his contribution to the Marylebone Cricket Club, he was a leading merchant banker in the City of London, the youngest director of the Bank of England, an extremely active Member of Parliament and had a fascinating family. In addition to which he has a river and settlement named after him in Australia.

These aspects of his life seem to be totally forgotten. Hence this biography of William Ward."

Here is a report prepared by HCH Ltd. Honorary Historian, Dave Allen.

I'm writing these reflections on 2019 as Christmas approaches, but the fixtures for next season appeared yesterday, England start another Test Match tomorrow, and it seems sometimes as though cricket is never far away.

I have been corresponding this week with a man in Ealing who was chasing some old Handbooks. We were able to help with all but one, and while we deliberately keep prices low, each time, there is a little contribution to our work. Do you have gaps in your library, particularly Hampshire gaps? We might be able to help. Last week I drove over to Southampton and collected a set of various publications, no longer needed and they too will be available, unless there is anything to add to our Library or Archive.

As it happens from that collection I have found a couple of interesting things. Folded and placed inside a copy of our 1957 official history (Altham, Arlott and Eagar) were two four-page supplements published by the Echo, and marking our 1961 Championship win and our 1963 centenary.

As a Hampshire supporter and member, I'm just old enough to recall both, with the heroes of my early years, but by then, my friend Marie Gilham was already into her third decade following the county. You might remember that during the season we did a feature on Marie in Round-Up, noting that she has been a member now for over 70 years. We were keen to track other 'long-serving' members as we have few records back into the 20th century – we would still love to hear from you if you have been a member since 1970 (50 seasons).

At the start of the season, I published an updated (and amended!) version of the A-Z of Hampshire Cricketers. The limited edition, signed hardback has sold out now, thanks to Mike in the Shop and I'm grateful for that. It raised a bit of Heritage money enabling me to buy some plastic boxes for storing books and also a signed bat of the Hampshire and South African teams of 1960. I think it was probably a Jimmy Gray benefit prize – it has a few other county players on the back.

We have many such items in the Archive, added to this year by a very generous loan from Julian Shackleton of items that belonged to his father. We have little display space at present for three dimensional objects, but we were able to mount a 'Shack Show' at the Members and Life Members lunch in September. One of our display cabinets is in the Robin Smith suite (bar) and through this year it has held a tribute to Mike Barnard who died at the end of 2018. From next season, we shall change that to show more Robin Smith artefacts, many of which we were able to display at his book launch dinner during the season.

We also mounted a new board listing all our Aussies thanks to generous donations from two gentlemen who wish to remain anonymous. It will be out-of-date when Nathan Lyon takes the field for the first time.

In the Shackleton Bar downstairs, we have two cabinets which have shown for some years, tributes to our first Hampshire-born England Test player AJL Hill and his family, and also a display of bats from the 1999 World Cup. These too will change by the time you return for next season with many of the newly acquired Shackleton artefacts.

Meanwhile I have been busy mostly on historical contributions to the main Hampshire website, with single items about our history and also day-by-day snippets about Hampshire's past which as far as possible tries to find different items from Alan Edwards' delightful 'On this Day' publications – not always easy in the depths of winter.

There is also my Blog (<https://hampshirecrickethistory.wordpress.com/>) which is approaching its 10th birthday (March 2020). There's always cricket.

A final few words from HCH Ltd. Chairman, Terry Crump



With the publication of the Fixture List for the 2020 Season I am now engaged in planning events for Members and their friends; therefore keep your eyes peeled for details of the Life Members' and Members' Day together with a new 'Major Event'. Here, Hampshire's Jimmy Gray and Roy Marshall walk out to open the batting at Burnaby Road in a 1950s match.

I wonder what they would have made of the fixture list for the 2020 Season and the introduction of 'The Hundred' - and how many of the young lads in the photograph will turn up at The Ageas Bowl to watch the new competition?

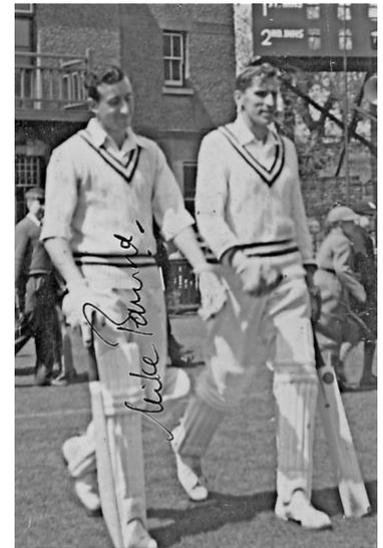
Hampshire Cricket Heritage Ltd. Wish you all a Happy Christmas and a very successful cricket watching New Year.

Cricket and Football talents

(by Richard Griffiths, Director, Hampshire Cricket Heritage Ltd)

In the wake of losing our great sports all-rounder Mike Barnard I thought it appropriate to consider two of the Hampshire first-class cricketers who have also played football. In this edition it feels right to start with a brief Mike Barnard summary and another professional footballer who shared our County Championship triumph of 1961 with Mike. Mike Barnard played football for his hometown club, Portsmouth, at the top level. In 1953 his debut in a 1-1 draw against Tottenham, was followed by a six-season association with Pompey, making 123 appearances and scoring 26 goals.

At Hampshire he made 276 first-class appearances, between 1952 and 1966, amassing 9314 runs, including 6 centuries. In 1961, Mike played 13 County Championship matches and scored 558, averaging 29.36. His one century in the season came against Warwickshire in a vital mid August win. Warwickshire batted first (343-9 declared) with Derek Shackleton taking 5 wickets. Hampshire were struggling at 140-5 when Mike came to the wicket. His unbeaten 114, including 101 for the eighth wicket with Leo Harrison, enabled a one run lead declaration. Shack took a further 6 wickets as Warwickshire were dismissed for only 125. Hampshire kept the bandwagon rolling towards our first County Championship, by meeting the target with only two wickets down.



Interestingly, Henry Horton swapped cricket for football and then returned to cricket again. He became a cricketer when he joined his brother Joe's county of Worcestershire. In a total of 11 games for them (1946 – 1949), he scored just 129 runs (highest score 21), averaging 8.06.

He played football professionally for Blackburn Rovers (92 matches and five goals, 1946-50), Southampton (75 matches, 11 goals, 1951-53) and reached the peak of his career when playing for Bradford Park Avenue (27, 1954). For those that know me there is a definite bias in the latter half of the previous sentence !!!

It was a football transfer which brought him to Southampton, signing for the club record fee (£10,000) in the 1951 soccer close season. Before the 1951-52 soccer season, the Southampton footballers played a few games of cricket on the county ground to vary training. Arthur Holt was impressed and seeds were sown. Arthur managed to persuade Henry to play for Hampshire and at 30 years old, he made his first-class debut in 1953. He played until 1967 and his career aggregate of 21,536 runs (averaging 33.49) puts him sixth in the Hampshire all-time list, after Mead, Marshall, Brown, Gray and Arnold.



Horton played a crucial part in 1961, scoring 2,069 Championship runs, averaging 35.63, with 3 centuries. These include a vital 141 in an August win at Derby. Time and again he played the crucial innings in tight matches. He celebrated the title by hitting his career best 160 not out for the Champion County against the Runners-up, Yorkshire, at Scarborough. Mike Barnard, said of Henry Horton: "A great sense of humour, he liked the ladies but never married,

straight as a die, solid as a rock." Of course, there were other footballers in the 1961 Champion side, Bernard (Bernie) Harrison, Arthur Holt (Coach), Henry Horton and Jimmy Gray.

GHOSTS

(by Dave Allen, Historian, Hampshire Cricket Heritage Ltd)

In the move to our 21st century ground and the end of Hampshire's matches in Southampton Bournemouth and Portsmouth we left behind many 'ghosts', like those batting and bowling in Francis Thompson's famous poem "At Lord's". The Ageas Bowl is a magnificent stadium but it is not the place to look out and recall Shackleton or Marshall, Richards or Greenidge, Turner or Jesty in action, and while we won two Championships at Bournemouth (in Hampshire) and a Sunday League at Bournemouth (in Dorset), at the Ageas Bowl to date there has been just the 2010 T20 triumph. How I should love to see us clinch the 2019 Championship on home soil so that in 50-years-time, some ageing supporters can recount how they "were there" as children, watching the exploits of Vince, Dawson and the others.

For me, there is the comfort of having seen both Championship sides regularly through the great seasons of 1961 and 1973, and I wonder how easy it is for our younger followers to comprehend the achievement of that first team and the delighted response it engendered from most of the cricketing world (outside Yorkshire). When as in this winter, we lose another member of our first great Champions – Mike Barnard – those of us of a certain vintage recall once again the great delights they brought; in the case of Mike and Peter Sainsbury, scampering too-and-fro on that vital last morning, adding 99 in 68 minutes, which enabled Ingleby-Mackenzie to declare and 'Shack (6-39) to get to work.

With news of the death of Mike Barnard we are left with just one player from that great day, the 'youngster' Alan Wassell (seven wickets in the match) who still comes regularly to the players' annual reunions. Neither he, nor pace-bowler Malcolm Heath are in the best of health but they are still with us, as are two other men who contributed during that season but were 'in reserve' on the day the title was clinched, batting all-rounder Dennis Baldry and wicket-keeper Bryan Timms. Of our four survivors, Timms played on the longest, including a spell as understudy at Warwickshire, Malcolm went on to coach at Lord's and play club cricket in the north, while Dennis and Alan were fine club cricketers for many years in Southampton and Gosport. Each time they visit the ground, they trigger those special memories of great days which live for ever, at least in the memory.

In case you do not know him, here is an introduction to Stephen Saunders
(Director, Secretary and Treasurer of Hampshire Cricket Heritage Ltd.)

My father had a Reserved Occupation during the Second World War and was instructed to move off Portsea Island in case the Germans bombed the one bridge to the mainland. I was, therefore, born in Fareham. (Father was a confidante of C B Fry and ran the finances of T S Mercury). After the war the family moved back to and I was brought up in Southsea. At the end of our road was St Helen's cricket field. I would often walk down the road and watch the cricket, sometimes with my sandwich. I never, at that age, thought that I would one day play there myself.

When I was older I was a member of the Nuffield Club (now part of Portsmouth University) where I learned to play tennis and squash. If Hampshire were playing cricket on the United Services Ground I would persuade my mother to drop me off at the Club, again with a sandwich, for the day and I was usually picked up by my father after work.

It was a great excitement for a young lad and when I was old enough I used to cycle down to the ground whenever I could to see Hampshire play. My pocket money was used to buy the Handbook.

In 1953 my father took my sister to London to see the Coronation procession, which I watched on television with my mother. My father was a fair chap and my compensation was to be made a junior membership of Hampshire County Cricket Club.

We had a family friend (and my dentist!) in David Blake and he would take me in to the pavilion to meet the players. You can imagine a lad's excitement. I still think of David today. When the 1957 history of the Club was published, David got a copy signed by all the players for me. Still a treasured item.



My father was a director of the Royal Hotel in Southampton and we spent every Christmas there. I never actually had a Christmas at home until I was married. The hotel would have a dinner dance each Boxing Day with a cabaret and I well remember, on several occasions, the cabaret of Alan and Betty Rayment. I can still see Betty's pink dress and this poor lady had to dance with the director's totally incapable son.

Portsmouth cricket week was always great fun as there were various tents on the ground and as my father went to Portsmouth Grammar School and spent his whole career in Portsmouth, he and I, as his son, were known and welcomed in to many of them. The players would also visit the tents. When my sister was with me she would go all-a-flutter when Colin I-M appeared! My sister is four years older than me and a group of her friends formed the Pentagon Club in Southsea.

It was with them that I first played cricket in the holidays and our "home" ground was St Helen's. I still have a photograph of the team and some well-known Portsmouth names can be recognised. The older members of the Club, who could drive, would also arrange an annual treasure hunt round the county lanes (taking the younger ones with them) always ending up at the Bat and Ball in Hambledon.

On getting older I went to my mother's home town of Havant to play my cricket, in the school holidays, for whom I played most Saturdays. They also had a Sunday team called the Hams who went round playing at country houses which was great "agricultural" cricket. I especially remember playing at Stansted House a couple of times. I also played hockey for Havant and that still affects my golf swing! When I started work in London I would come home every week-end to play either cricket or hockey for Havant and use home "as a seaside boarding house" quote Mother. I was lucky to play a few games for the Hoggets and a couple with the Hogs, but that was the limit of my cricket career.

My most memorable day of Hampshire cricket must be when I went by train to Bournemouth in 1961 and saw the last day of that famous match, The list of members published in 1964 contains my name under the Portsmouth and Southsea Area (along with a junior: Allen D H). I am now a Life Member.

I had always kept my Hampshire Handbooks and histories and slowly I built up an extremely comprehensive library on cricket in Hampshire and in 1997, based on my collection, I published a Bibliography of Cricket in Hampshire (with a subsequent update in 2010). I have also collected cricket stamps and cigarette cards featuring Hampshire players. Both of these have been subjects of articles that I have written for the Handbook as well as articles on Hampshire Presidents of the MCC, Hampshire players in World War II and Hampshire players of the Hampshire Regiment. I wrote a book on The Original Committee of Hampshire CCC in 1863 and assisted Dave Allen on 150 Not Out. Most recently I have published a biography of William Ward and his family.

I was involved in the re-founding of the Hambledon Club and have been Treasurer for many years. I was also the instigator and organiser of the Centenary Match on Broadhalfpenny Down in 2008 and produced the souvenir programme. As I have now downsized to a cottage a considerable amount of my collection had to be sacrificed. However I still have my Hambledon collection of over one hundred books and pamphlets. I have also kept books on history and pre-war Hampshire players (and a few other things!).

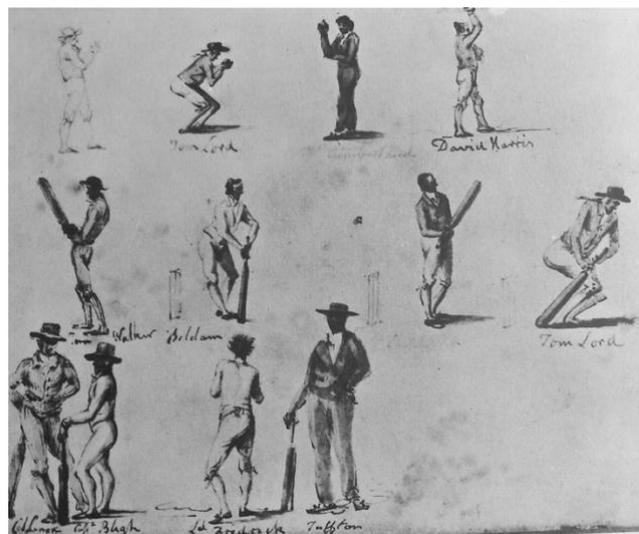
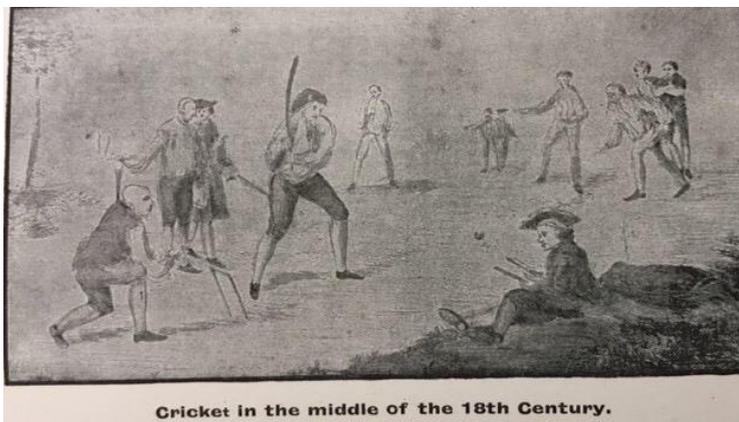
Dave Allen invited me on to the original Heritage Committee at the Ageas Bowl, which had to be finally abandoned due to lack of interest. However, along with Richard Griffiths, I became an Assistant Archivist and documented the entire Heritage collection (other than scorecards which Richard did) and with persistent pressure we finally have Hampshire County Cricket Heritage on a firm footing.

HAMBLEDON – confusions and misconceptions explained

(by Stephen Saunders, Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Hampshire Cricket Heritage Ltd.)

There is confusion between the Hambledon Club and the village that is the location of Broadhalfpenny Down and Windmill Down. There is also a misconception that the Hambledon Club was the precursor to the Hampshire County Cricket Club.

Cricket was played by several clubs in several counties before the first recorded game at Hambledon in 1767. All major games played in the County were played at Hambledon from 1767 to 1792, so it can rightly be claimed to be the centre of the game in the County during that period.



G. B Buckley in his book "Fresh Light on 18th Century Cricket" records a match between Hampshire and Sussex (played on Broadhalfpenny Down) in 1767. This match is also mentioned by H. F. & A. P. Squire in "Pre-Victorian Sussex Cricket." (Waghorn's "Cricket Scores 1730-1773" reports a similar match the previous year but does not give a date or venue). Also in

F. S. Ashley-Cooper's "Kent Cricket Matches" he records Hampshire playing Kent in a two day game in 1768. So we have three separate erudite sources informing us that Hampshire played cricket before the Hambledon Club was formed.

The Salisbury Journal of 27 April 1772 stated that "The first meeting of the Gentlemen of The Hambledon Club will be held at Broad-Halfpenny on Tuesday, the 5th of May next, at which every subscriber is requested to attend." This was the formation of the Club which lasted until 1796 when the last minute famously recorded "No Gentlemen".

The Hambledon Club was never referred to as the Hambledon Cricket Club and, although involved with cricket, it never was a cricket club, but a Gentlemen's Club, as referred to in the Salisbury Journal. Looking through the minute books and the membership you find titled gentlemen, military officers and clerics, but none of the players. These were well-to-do persons who organised and laid bets on matches and enjoyed lavish dinners at the Bat and Ball. The Club was logically based at Broad-Halfpenny as this was, as stated, the centre of the game in Hampshire



Cricket Match for 1000 Guineas
Broadhalfpenny Down.
 Played June 10th 1777.
Hambledon v England

ENGLAND		HAMBLEDON	
1 st Innings	2 nd Innings	1 st Innings	2 nd Innings
DAKE OF DORSET... b BRETT... 0	LORD TINKERVILLE... c... NOT OUT... 5	LORD TINKERVILLE... b... WOOD... 3	LORD TINKERVILLE... b... WOOD... 7
LUMBY... c BRETT... 1	NOT OUT... 2	LEER... b... WOOD... 7	LUMBY... c... WHITE... 18
WOOD... c VECK... 1	NVREN... 1	VECK... b... LUMBY... 18	WHITE... c... WHITE... 55
WHITE... c VECK... 8	BRETT... 10	SMALL... c... WOOD... 26	FRANCIS... b... LUMBY... 37
MILLER... NOT OUT... 27	TAYLOR... 25	NYREN... b... WOOD... 46	SUTER... b... WOOD... 46
MINSHULL... c BRETT... 60	TAYLOR... 12	TAYLOR... c... BULLEN... 32	TAYLOR... c... MINSHULL... 22
BOWRA... c LORD TINKERVILLE... 8	TAYLOR... 4	ROUARD... c... BULLEN... 167	RYLWARD... c... BULLEN... 167
BULLEN... c BRETT... 13	NYREN... 2	BRETT... NOT OUT... 9	BRETT... NOT OUT... 9
BOOKER... c SMALL... 8	BRETT... 2	BRETT... BYES... 5	BRETT... BYES... 5
VALDEN... b BRETT... 5	NYREN... 0		
PATENDER... b BRETT... 58	BRETT... 0		
BYES... 2	BYES... 0		
166	69		
			403

Hambledon won by an Innings and 100 runs.

The last first class match on Broadhalfpenny Down was played in 1781 (Hampshire v Kent). Matches then moved to Windmill Down until 1792 but were also played at Stoke Down (4 miles North-East of Winchester) from 1778 – 1798. Hampshire played one match in 1806 at Stoke Down and did not play again in the County till 1823 when one match was played at Bramshill Park, owned by Sir John Cope. A further two matches were played there in 1825. For record purposes, Hampshire played 24 matches between 1803 and 1828, (mainly at Lord's) after which they did not play again until 1842 when Day's Antelope Ground in Southampton was in use. Cricket Archive records a further 17 first class matches before the formation of the County Cricket Club in 1863 making a total of 128 matches played by Hampshire from 1772.

Returning to the gentlemen of Hambledon, these gentlemen had a keen interest in the game of cricket and often had country estates where the game was played. They also formed a separate team called the Gentlemen of Hampshire.

This implies that the Hampshire side were the professionals and it was on them that they laid their bets.

It is known that the Gentlemen of Hampshire played two games in 1771 against the Gentlemen of Sussex; the first of these on Broad-Halfpenny Down eight months before the announcement in the Salisbury Journal; further evidence of formalising a Gentlemen's Club? Their next recorded game was in 1830 and between then and the last recorded game in 1889, 106 games were played.

The pre-eminence of these gentlemen in the game of cricket is evidenced firstly by Thomas Chamberlayne who led the Gentlemen of Hampshire and when he succeeded to Cranbury Park had a cricket pitch laid and formed his own team. His prominence in the game led to him being nominated President of MCC in 1845. Similarly another stalwart of the Gentlemen of Hampshire Sir Frederick Hervey-Bathurst was nominated President in 1857.

It was these two gentlemen along with Sir John Barker-Mill of Mottisfont Abbey who financed the development of the Antelope Ground in Southampton in 1839 and then in 1842 installed Daniel Day in the Antelope Hotel, thereby heralding the formalisation of cricket in the County.

On July 3, 1878 a meeting was held to form the Hambledon Cricket Club and it was resolved that "the Clubhouse be The George Inn". On July 8 a committee meeting was held "to frame the Bye Laws for the Hambledon Cricket Club" and on July 15 a general meeting, with 26 members present, passed the Bye Laws. Now we have the Hambledon CRICKET Club.

A date after the foundation of the Hampshire County Cricket club in 1863.

CRICKET.
Hampshire v. England.
A MATCH
 WILL BE PLAYED AT THE
EAST CRICKET GROUND, HANTS, PORTSMOUTH,
 BETWEEN
THE UNITED ELEVEN OF ENGLAND
 AND
19 GENTLEMEN OF HAMPSHIRE,
 With D. DAY,
 On **THURSDAY, August 26th, 1852,**
 AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

ENGLAND.	HAMPSHIRE.
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	—DAVIS, Esq.
	DAY

Play to commence each Day at 12 o'clock.
 DINNER ON TABLE AT HALF-PAST TWO.
 Admission to the Ground Sixpence.
 S. PRINCE, PORTSMOUTH.