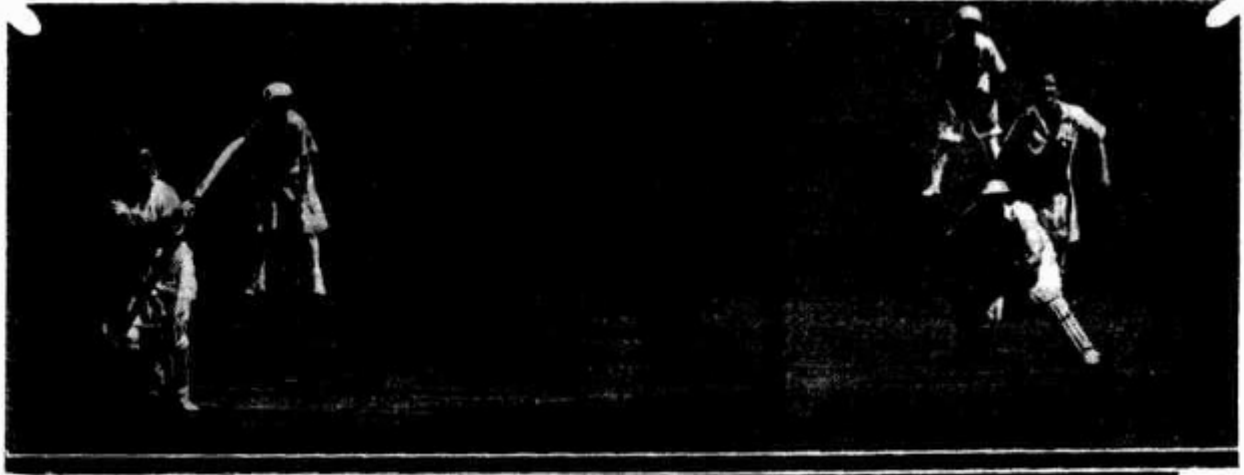




JOTTINGS ON SPORT



MISS MOLLY HIDE, the brilliant English all-rounder, hits a boundary shot in the first international women's cricket match.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

Sporting Finish to Great Match.

After the wonderful display on the Sydney Cricket Ground last week-end, women's cricket has definitely become a major sport. Those who did not believe that girls could play this game were amazed when they saw them in action, and the crowd in the members' stands on Saturday bore testimony to the increasing interest in the game. When the second test is played in January, the crowd should be even larger. Over five thousand watched the match on Saturday.





the English wicketkeeper
stumps B. PEDEN.

(Below.) MISS HAZEL
PRITCHARD, of New
South Wales, who top-
scored in the match with
a brilliant 75, sweeps
one to leg.



(Left.) One of the high-
lights of the match.—
BETTY SNOWBALL,
the English wicketkeeper,
stumps B. PEDEN.



IT was an exhilarating match from start
to finish, and everybody, including the
umpires and players, seemed to enjoy them-
selves. The finish was, of course, the high-
light of the two days' play. No one was

light of the two days' play. No one was more appreciative of the sporting action of the State captain, Miss Margaret Peden, than the English team when she closed her side's innings to give the English girls the chance of an outright win instead of an inevitable draw.

"The match was a grand one," said Miss Betty Archdale, the English captain, "we all enjoyed the game thoroughly, and I do think that New South Wales were wonderful to declare as they did."

To score 57 runs in 39 minutes is indicative of the game. England won in the last over, and the crowd gave both teams a wonderful

(Right.) The captains, MISS MARGARET PEDEN, New South Wales, and MISS BETTY ARCHDALE, England.

(Below.) The English fast bowler, M. TAYLOR, in action.

ovation, since the State side never wilted under the forceful aggression of the English batswomen, and their fielding, especially that of Mrs. Blade and Miss Shevill, was a revelation.

COURTESY.

In the excitement of the victory Miss Betty Archdale did not forget the umpires. She left her team when they were still receiving the congratulations of all, to go in search of the umpires to thank them for their two days' work. It was a very gracious act and one which was done very quietly.

On the field the girls remembered the men in the white coats, too, and whenever the drink-waiter appeared with the lemon squashes one or other of the team carried a drink to them, much to the entertainment of the crowd.

When the English tennis players were here they won much admiration for their court demeanour, and now the cricketers are following in their footsteps. Nor must our own team be forgotten. Under the capable leadership of Margaret Peden, who, incidentally, has made cricket in New South Wales, they played according to the highest traditions of the game.

The cheerful spirit in which the match was played was infectious. Gone was the tense atmosphere that one has come to recognise as part and parcel of men's cricket. The girls, once they got over their feeling of awe which playing on

got over their feeling of awe which playing on the famous Sydney Cricket Ground inspired,

settled down to play as well as they could and to enjoy themselves unmindful of their surroundings.

THE BUS BREAKS DOWN.

As Lady Game was lunching with them at the Women's College on Saturday, the teams were hurriedly packed into an outside in buses and taken to the college. After a very happy luncheon, when Lady Game was introduced to the teams, the girls again climbed into their bus to hasten to the ground so as to be punctual for the start of their match. All went well until the Cricket Ground was in sight, and then the bus refused to budge an inch. The spectators entering the ground were entertained with the sight of both teams and the scorers racing across the parks to try to keep faith with the public. That they were only a few minutes late is a tribute to their staying-powers.

"Wherever we have gone we have brought the fine weather," said Miss Betty Green, the player-manager of the English team, on Saturday, "but this is the hottest day we have experienced." Her Australian listeners gently reminded her that so far we had had no summer and that the day

was really mild. But the prospect of hotter days did not cheer her. As it happened the English girls were in the field nearly all day and they were thoroughly exhausted when the match ended.

A FREE DAY.

Sunday was a free day for the team, and many of its members took the opportunity to do their "chores." The thunderstorm in the afternoon did not deter Mollie Hide and Coral Valentine from seeing Sydney from the air. They were most excited about their experiences. Mr. S. G. Bridge-land, the secretary of the Aero Club, arranged the flight for them, and they were his guests at afternoon tea in the clubhouse.

Betty Archdale took some of the others to Bondi for a surf and to see the life-savers at work. They, too, were delighted with their outing and were keener than ever for a surf on Monday.

The weather was ideal for the picnic on Monday at Palm Beach. Mrs. A. Littlejohn planned a

at Palm Beach. Mrs. A. Littlejohn planned a very happy day for the girls. They were driven along the headlands, lunched at Whale Beach and then went on to Palm Beach for one of the best "surfs" of their tour.

AT WOLLONGONG.

The South Coast people made every endeavour to give the English girls a good time. They motored down early in the morning, and after a quick swim and lunch entertained a large crowd with some sparkling cricket. Mrs. A. North, a vice-president of the Women's Cricket Association, was hostess to the teams, and to her much of the credit is due for a very happy day.

After the match they were given a dinner by the Mayor and representative citizens, who thanked the girls for coming to Wollongong and show them how to play cricket in the best spirit.

Wollongong fielded a fairly strong team, since Doreen Blake, D. Morecroft, and Marge Hannan three Sydney players, were invited to represent Wollongong. These girls have all won representative honours, and, with R. Monaghan, one of the outstanding players in the international match they formed the nucleus of a good attack. England played in a true picnic spirit, and all who saw it enjoyed the carefree cricket.

THE DEPARTURE.

Yesterday the team flew to Newcastle to play a match there before catching the Brisbane express at night for Queensland, where they will meet the northern State and play Australia in the first test on December 28.

Sydney was sorry to lose these cheerful sports-women, and will welcome them back again on January 2. The second test will be played at the Sydney Cricket Ground on January 4, 5, and 7.