

# 1709

## **KENT *versus* SURREY**

Played on Dartford Brimp on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1709.

Scores unknown.

## **RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Played for £50. Buckley (Fresh Light on Pre-Victorian Cricket) : “This is the earliest recorded match where the two sides are said to have come from different counties. Probably it was not a real inter-county match, but one between Dartford and a Surrey town or village.”

# 1718

## **XI LONDON GAMESTERS *versus* XI KENTISH GAMESTERS**

Played in the White Conduit Fields, London on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1718.

Scores unknown.

### **RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Saturday Post, September 6<sup>th</sup> : The Kentish Gamesters were called the Punch Club Society. Played for half a guinea a man. “After a trial of their skill, which lasted about four hours, the Kentish men, whether it was for want of their celestial liquor (punch) to cheer up their exhausted spirits, I cannot determine; but be that as it will, they thought they should be worsted and therefore to the surprise of a numerous crowd of spectators, three of their men made an elopement, and got off the ground without going in, and made the best of their “way home”, hoping thereby to save their money; but we hear the London gamesters are resolved not to be bubbled in that manner, and are therefore determined to commence a suit at law against them to oblige them to pay their money.”

SPORTING POST, September 20<sup>th</sup> :

“The Rochester Punch Society are very much surprised that the men who call themselves the London Gamesters should risk the little reputation they have upon a forgery, since it would have been a much greater wonder to the numerous crowd of spectators if the Rochester men had not beaten all those bragging hectors, but no gamesters, than that three of their men should not be able to bear the violence of the rains, which fell so heavy it was impossible to continue the game. To convince them that the Rochester men do not think they had the worst of the match, they are willing to meet eleven of the best of them, whenever they please, at Dartford in Kent, where they will play them for a guinea a head; but they think proper to give them this advice, that if they cannot choose better men than they did the last encounter, it will be but throwing away their money and they had much better stay at home. If in spite of this caution they dare venture, the Rochester men don’t doubt but sprightly Punch will easily overcome foggy Ale.”

# 1719

## **LONDON *versus* KENT**

Played in Lamb's Conduit Fields and White Conduit Fields, London in May and July, 1719.

Scores unknown.

### **LONDON WON BY 21 RUNS.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “This match, which was commenced on one ground and finished on another, gave rise to a law suit. The Weekly Journal of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1719 said : “Last Week a Tryal was brought at Guildhall, before Lord Chief Justice Pratt, between Two Companies of Cricket Players, the Men of Kent, Plaintiffs, and the Men of London, Defendants, for Sixty Pounds, played for at Cricket, and after a long Hearing, and near £200 expended in the Case, my Lord, not understanding the Game, ordered them to play it over again; and they met accordingly on Monday last in Lamb's Conduit Fields, but one of the Players being taken ill, it was deferred to another Opportunity.” The sequel appeared in the issue of the Weekly Journal of July 4<sup>th</sup> – “The great Match betwixt the Londoners and the Kentish Men for which there has been a famous Trial at Law, and by a Rule of Court was ordered to be played out, in which the Kentish Men had four Men to play, and to get 30 to come up with the Londoners, was played in White Conduit Fields, near Islington : the Kentish Men were bowl'd out after they had got 9, and lost the Match. 'Tis reckoned the Law Suit will amount to £200. The Match was Played for a Guinea a Man each side.”

## **LONDON *versus* KENT**

Played in White Conduit Fields, London on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1719.

Scores unknown.

### **KENT WON.**

“Played for a considerable sum of Money.... The Kentish Men won the Wager.

# 1720

## **LONDON *versus* KENT**

Played in White Conduit Fields, London in July 1720.

Scores unknown.

## **LONDON WON.**

“Played for 5s a Head : at which Time, being in eager Pursuit of the Game, the Kentish Men having the Wickets two Londoners striving for Expedition to gain the Ball, met each other with that Fierceness that hitting their Heads together, they both fell backwards without stirring Hand or Foot, and lay deprived of Sense for a considerable Time, and yet ‘tis not known whether they will recover.”

# 1724

## **LONDON *versus* DARTFORD**

Played on Kennington Common, London on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1724.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

# 1726

## **LONDON AND SURREY *versus* KENT**

Played on Kennington Common on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1726.

Scores unknown.

## **RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Played for 25 Guineas.

MIST'S WEEKLY JOURNAL, September 24<sup>th</sup> :

“The Late Lord Chief Justice, Sir John Pratt, had made a rule ordering a Cricket match to be played on Dartford Heath.” (The case alluded to related to the match between Mr. Stead's Club and Chingford).

# 1727

## **WAREHORNE *versus* HAWKHURST**

Played on Warehorne Green on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1727.

Scores unknown.

### **RESULT UNKNOWN.**

The match was made between Mr. George Baker, General Receiver, and Mr. Thomas Hodges Jnr., both of whom were due to play.

# 1728

## **KENT *versus* SUSSEX**

Played on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1728, venue unknown

Scores unknown.

**KENT WON.**

The Kent team was chosen by Mr. Edwin Stead, of Maidstone, that of Sussex by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Richmond, a grandson of Charles II, by the Duchess of Portsmouth (Louise de Querouaille).

## **KENT *versus* SUSSEX**

Played in July 1728, venue unknown.

Scores unknown.

**KENT WON.**

## **KENT *versus* SUSSEX**

Played in Penshurst Park in August 1728.

Scores unknown.

**KENT WON BY 7 RUNS.**



# 1729

## **LONDON *versus* DARTFORD**

Played on Kennington Common on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1729.

Scores unknown.

**DARTFORD WON BY “VERY MUCH”.**

## **KENT *versus* SUSSEX, SURREY AND HAMPSHIRE**

Played in Penshurst Park in September 1729.

Scores unknown.

**SUSSEX, SURREY AND HAMPSHIRE WON.**

The match was made between Mr. Stead and Sir William Gage for 100 guineas. Sussex “... got (within three) in one hand, as the former did in two hands, so the Kentish Men threw it up.” “A groom of the Duke of Richmond signalized himself by such extraordinary agility and dexterity, to the surprise of all the spectators, which were some thousands, and ‘tis reckoned he turned the scale of victory which for some years past has generally been on the Kentish side.”

## **SUSSEX, SURREY AND HAMPSHIRE *versus* KENT**

Played in Lewes (?) in September 1729.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

# 1730

## **FOUR MEN OF KENT *versus* FOUR MEN OF BRENTFORD**

Played at Westerham on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1730.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Played for £50.

## **FOUR MEN OF BRENTFORD *versus* FOUR MEN OF KENT**

Played on Kew Green on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1730.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **LONDON *versus* KENT**

Played near Grey's Inn, London on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1730.

Scores unknown.

**KENT WON.**

Played for £50.

## **GREENWICH *versus* LONDON**

Played on Blackheath on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1730.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Played for twenty guineas.

## **KENT *versus* LONDON**

Played on Blackheath on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1730.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

The Kent XI included the Duke of Richmond. St. James Evening Post, August 8<sup>th</sup> : “Twas thought the Kentish champions would have lost their honours by being beat at one innings if time had permitted.”

## **LONDON *versus* KENT**

Played at Islington on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1730 and Kennington Common

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “The match was commenced on one ground and finished on another. The game could not be completed on the first day, the players “being obliged by their articles to leave off at seven o’clock.... The Londoners had 30 ahead when they shut up.”

## **MATCH BETWEEN TWO XII'S OF TONBRIDGE**

Played at Tonbridge on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1730.

Scores unknown.

**MATCH UNFINISHED.**

St. James Evening Post, August 20<sup>th</sup> : the sides were "... backed by a great many of the noblemen and gentry of that place; after a very long and active engagement both parties gave off by consent, and another day was appointed for deciding the same."

# 1731

## **LONDON *versus* KENT**

Played on Kennington Common on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1731.

Scores unknown.

## **LONDON WON BY “GREAT ODDS”.**

Played for 30 Guineas.

## **LONDON *versus* DARTFORD**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1731. **CHECK**

Scores unknown.

## **LONDON WON.**

## **LONDON *versus* KENT**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1731. **CHECK**

Scores unknown.

## **KENT WON BY 15 RUNS.**

Played for 50 Guineas.

## **DARTFORD *versus* LONDON**

Played on Dartford Brimp on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1731.

Scores unknown.

## **MATCH DRAWN.**

## **LONDON *versus* DARTFORD**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1731.

Scores unknown.

## **RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **MIDDLESEX *versus* KENT**

Played on Kennington Common on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1731.

Scores unknown.

## **RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Played for £50 a side.

## **SURREY *versus* KENT**

Played on the Duppas Hill Ground, Croydon in July 1731.

Scores unknown.

## **SURREY WON.**

All the Surrey players were named Wood.

## **KENT *versus* SURREY**

Played on Dulwich Common on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1731.

Scores unknown.

**MATCH DRAWN.**

Played for 20 Guineas a side. Kent Cricket Matches : “When rain stopped the game Surrey had “three to go in, when they wanted but 12 for the game.”

# 1732

## **KENT *versus* LONDON**

Played on Dartford Brent on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1732.

Scores unknown.

## **RESULT UNKNOWN.**

“Played for a Guinea a head” (Kent Cricket Matches).

# 1733

## **GREENWICH *versus* LONDON**

Played on Blackheath on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1733.

<b>LONDON</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>GREENWICH</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>?</b>

**LONDON WON BY 15 RUNS.**

## **LONDON *versus* GREENWICH**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1733.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Wickets pitched at one o'clock.

## **LONDON *versus* KENT**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1733.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Kent Cricket Matches : Played for “one guinea each man.... There will be a line round the ground as usual, and all Persons are desired to keep without side of same. A great many bets and depending on both sides, of the first Hands, and of the Game. If any Persons get on the walls, they will be prosecuted as the Law directs; and the Company are desired to come through the Py'd Horse Yard, Chiswell Street. The wickets are to be pitch'd at one o'clock.”

## **SURREY AND MIDDLESEX *versus* KENT**

Played at Moulsey Hurst on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1733.

Scores unknown.

**SURREY AND MIDDLESEX WON.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “The match was made between the Prince of Wales and Mr. Stead and was played for a silver cup, valued at £30, given by the former.”

## **SURREY *versus* KENT**

Played on Kennington Common on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1733.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “To render it more commodious to the spectators, a great part of the said Common will be formed into a ring and roped round.”

## **LONDONERS *versus* KENTISH MEN**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1733.

<b>LONDONERS</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>KENTISH MEN</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>For seven wickets</b>	<b>?</b>
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**KENTISH MEN WON BY THREE WICKETS.**

Played for £20.



# 1734

## **KENT *versus* LONDON**

Played on Dartford Brimp on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1734.

Scores unknown.

### **LONDON WON.**

Odds of 6 to 4 were laid against London in the middle of this match.

## **LONDON *versus* KENT**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1734.

<b>KENT</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>LONDON</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>107</b>		

### **LONDON WON BY AN INNINGS AND 25 RUNS.**

The wickets to be pitched by two o'clock upon the forfeit of £5.

## **LONDON *versus* SEVENOAKS**

Played on Kennington Common on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1734.

### **SEVENOAKS FORFEITED THE GAME.**

Whitehall Evening Post, July 9<sup>th</sup> : “Sevenoaks not appearing, according to the Articles of Agreement, their deposit money was forfeited.”

## **KENT *versus* SUSSEX**

Played at Sevenoaks in September 1734.

Scores unknown.

### **KENT WON.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “The game ended to a very great nicety, but had so many diverting turns in it that the lovers of that diversion esteem it the best that has been played for many years.” The Earl of Middlesex and Lord John Sackville played for Kent and Sir William Gage, Bart., for Sussex. A return was to have been played on the Downs, near Lewes, in Sussex, but those that came down chiefly for play have left this place in order to go to Bath.”

# 1735

## GREENWICH *versus* WESTMINSTER

Played on Blackheath on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1735.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Played for £500; among those who watched this match were the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Middlesex and Lord John Sackville.

## EIGHT OF LONDON WITH THREE OF MIDDLESEX *versus* KENT

Played at Moulsey Hurst on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1735.

Scores unknown.

<b>LONDON/MIDDLESEX</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>KENT</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>For six wickets</b>	<b>57</b>

**KENT WON BY FOUR WICKETS.**

General Evening Post, July 15<sup>th</sup> : “The loss of this match was judged to be owing to the three strange hands mixed with the Londoners, for it is thought that when they play together they understand each others game so well that they can scarce be beat by any men in England.” The London and Middlesex side were backed by the Prince of Wales – for the return fixture, the Prince selected an XI from the London Club only. Play did not commence until after midday.

## KENT *versus* LONDON AND MIDDLESEX

Played on Bromley Common on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 1735.

<b>LONDON/MIDDLESEX</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>KENT</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>For no wickets</b>	<b>10</b>

**KENT WON BY TEN WICKETS.**

*There is considerable doubt as to the year in which this match was played – ‘Cricket’ (1892) suggest it was played in 1756, Scores and Biographies have it undated, Waghorn’s Dawn of Cricket have placed the two matches in 1733 and 1735.*

Kent Cricket Matches : Played for £1,000 (or £500 in another account) between the Prince and the Earl. “There was a great deal of mischief done by some falling from their horses, others being rode over, etc., and one man was carried off for dead as His Royal Highness passed by, just at the entrance to the Common... The Earl came into the field at about eleven o’clock, at the head of the Kentish gamesters, and attended to by a great number of people of that county : but the Prince did not come till one, and very privately. His Royal Highness being in a chair with one horse, which he drove himself, the Right Hon. Lord Baltimore being with him... His Royal Highness left the field and returned to his chair, attended by a prodigious number of people, to Lewisham, where his coach waited for him, in which he returned home.

## SUSSEX *versus* KENT

Played at the Downs, near Lewes on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1735.

Scores unknown.

**SUSSEX WON “EASILY”**

Kent Cricket Matches : “Sir William Gage, Bart., played for Sussex, and the Earl of Middlesex and Lord John Sackville for Kent. John Whaley, writing from Rye on August 10<sup>th</sup> to Horace Walpole, whose tutor he had been at King’s College, Cambridge, said : “Have spent this whole day at a Cricket Match at Lewes between the Gentlemen of Kent & Sussex, which was won by the latter, at which they seem as much pleas’d as if they had got an election. We have been at supper with them all, and have left them at this one o’clock in the morning laying betts about the next Match. Ld. Middlesex and Sir William Gage are the Rivals of the Bat.”

### **KENT *versus* SUSSEX**

Played at Sevenoaks in August 1735.

Scores unknown.

#### **KENT WON.**

Played during the week commencing August 18<sup>th</sup>. Kent Cricket Matches : “Sir William Gage, the Earl of Middlesex and Lord John Sackville again assisted their county. “It is thought the conqueror will be played in a few days.”

### **SURREY *versus* KENT**

Played on Kennington Common on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1735.

Scores unknown.

#### **RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “The greatest match of cricket that has been played for many years.”

# 1736

## **SURREY *versus* KENT**

Played on Kennington Common on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1736.

<b>KENT</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>SURREY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>For eight wickets</b>	<b>24</b>

**SURREY WON BY TWO WICKETS.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “A great deal of money was soon lost, but the Game was so skilfully and justly play’d on each side that the very Losers went away satisfy’d... During the Game three Soldiers apprehended a Kentish Man for Desertion; but the Populace hearing of the Matter join’d and rescu’d the Deserter out of their Hands, and a severe Discipline let them go about their Business.”

## **KENT *versus* SURREY**

Played at Coxheath, near Maidstone on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1736.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “Kent had equalled the Surrey total with half their wickets in hand when rain caused the game to be given up.” London Evening Post, September 28<sup>th</sup> : “It is not doubted but the Gentlemen of Kent will retrieve their Honour in that most noble Exercise, in which they have always been so remarkably famous.”

# 1737

## **LONDON AND SURREY *versus* KENT**

Played on Kennington Common on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1737.

<b>KENT</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>All out “upwards of”</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>LONDON/SURREY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>?</b>

**KENT WON BY 40 RUNS.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “This was a match arranged between the Prince of Wales and Lord John Sackville. It was completed in a day – an unusual event when all four innings are completed; but in Kent’s second innings three men “knocked up their wickets”, presumably to win the match against time... There was a Pavilion erected for the Reception of His Royal Highness, who was accompany’d by several Persons of Distinction. The Press was so great on the Occasion that a poor Woman, by the Crowd bearing upon her, unfortunately had her leg broke which being related to His Royal Highness he was pleas’d to order her ten Guineas.”

## **KENT *versus* LONDON AND SURREY**

Played on Bromley Common on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1737.

Scores unknown.

**KENT WON BY AN INNINGS.**

Kent “... maintained their honour, and beat their adversaries at one hands.”

## **LONDON *versus* KENT**

Played on Kennington Common on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1737.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “The match was “betwixt the Gentlemen of Kent and the Gentlemen of London, within the Bills of Mortality.”

# 1738

## **LONDON AND SURREY versus KENT**

Played on Kennington Common in July 1738.

Scores unknown.

**KENT WON “EASILY”.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “A return match was played, but where or with what result was not recorded.”

# 1739

## **KENT *versus* ENGLAND**

Played on Bromley Common of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1739.

Scores unknown.

### **KENT WON “BY A VERY FEW RUNS”.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “The match was finished in one day, although the wickets were not pitched until one o’clock. “It was a very hard Match, and as fine Sport as ever was seen, but was at last won by the Gentlemen of the Unconquerable County by a very few Notches.”

## **ENGLAND *versus* KENT**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1739.

Scores unknown.

### **MATCH DRAWN.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “Kent led by over 50 on the first innings, and betting was then 2 to 1 in their favour. “The Kentish Men were like to have won, but a Dispute arose whether one of the Londoners was fairly out, which put an End to the Game. There were upwards of 10,000 People to see this Match.” “The Wickets to be pitch’d by One o’Clock on the Forfeiture of Twenty Pounds on either Side.”

## **MAIDSTONE *versus* SEVENOAKS**

Played at Coxheath on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1739.

Scores unknown.

### **RESULT UNKNOWN.**

This twelve-a-side match, made by the Earl of Middlesex and Lord John Sackville with some gentlemen of the County, was played for £500.

## **LONDON *versus* CHISLEHURST**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1739.

Scores unknown.

### **RESULT UNKNOWN.**

# 1740

## **NEW ROMNEY *versus* CRANBROOK**

Played at New Romney on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1740.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**



# 1741

## **THE HILL *versus* THE DALE**

Played near The Cock Inn, Coxheath on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1741.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

This match was played during the Maidstone Races. London Evening Post, July 7<sup>th</sup> : “... for a purse of 11 guineas, the best of two hands, according to the usual game of Cricket; if not played out the first day, to be ended the next morning. Wickets pitched at noon.”

## **NEW ROMNEY *versus* HIGH HALDEN (with one man from Tenterden and one man from Frittenden)**

Played at New Romney on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1741.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **NEW ROMNEY AND HIGH HALDEN *versus* KENTISH CLUB**

Played at New Romney on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1741.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

# 1742

## **HAWKHURST *versus* NEW ROMNEY**

Played at Hawkhurst on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1742.

Scores unknown.

**HAWKHURST WON.**

## **MATCH BETWEEN TWO XI'S**

Played at Lynsted Park on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1742.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **NEW ROMNEY *versus* HAWKHURST**

Played at New Romney on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1742.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

# 1743

## **KENT *versus* LONDON, MIDDLESEX AND SURREY**

Played on Bromley Common on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1743.

<b>LONDON</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>For three wickets</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>KENT</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Innings</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Innings</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>69</b>		

**LONDON, MIDDLESEX AND SURREY WON.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “Played for 300 Guineas a side between Lord John Sackville and Lord Montford. Kent “gave it up, Lord Montford’s Set having gained so vast a majority.” Otherwise play would have been continued on the 17<sup>th</sup>. It was nearly eight o’clock when stumps were drawn. The Prince of Wales, Lord’s Waldegrave and Baltimore and other persons of distinction were present.”

## **HORSMONDEN *versus* ROMNEY, CRANBROOK AND STAPLEHURST**

Played at Horsmonden, early July 1743 (date unknown).

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **ROMNEY, CRANBROOK AND STAPLEHURST *versus* HORSMONDE**

Played at New Romney on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1743.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **WYE *versus* ASHFORD**

Played at Wye on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1743.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

# 1744

## ENGLAND *versus* KENT

Played in the Artillery Ground on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1744.

ENGLAND	1 <sup>st</sup> Innings			2 <sup>nd</sup> Innings				
J. Harris		b Hodswell	0		b Mills			4
S. Dingle		b Hodswell	3		b Hodswell			11
~. Newland		b Mills	0		b Hodswell			3
~. Cuddy		b Hodswell	0	c Danes	b			2
~. Green		b Mills	0		b Mills			5
T. Waymark		b Mills	7		b Hodswell			9
J. Bryan	st Kips	b	12	c Kips	b			7
R. Newland	Not out		18	c Sackville	b			15
J. Harris		b Hodswell	0		b Hodswell			1
G. Smith		b Bartrum	0		b Mills			8
~. Newland		b Mills	0	Not out				5
Extras								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>All out</b>				<b>70</b>
FALL OF WICKETS	1 <sup>st</sup> Innings : 1- ;2- ;3- ;4- ;5- ;6- ;7- ;8- ;9- ;10- 40. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Innings : 1- ;2- ;3- ;4- ;5- ;6- ;7- ;8- ;9- ;10- 70.							
Bowling analysis :	Ovs.	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ovs.	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Hodswell				4				4
Mills				4				3
Bartrum				1				
KENT	1 <sup>st</sup> Innings			2 <sup>nd</sup> Innings				
Lord J. P. Sackville	c Waymark	b	5		b Harris			3
Long Robin		b Newland	7		b Newland			9
~. Mills		b Harris	0	c Newland	b			6
~. Hodswell		b Harris	0	Not out				5
J. Cutbush	c Green	b	3	Not out				7
~. Bartrum		b Newland	2		b Newland			0
~. Danes		b Newland	6	c Smith	b			0
~. Sawyer	c Waymark	b	0		b Newland			5
~. Kips		b Harris	12		b Harris			10
~. Mills	Not out		7		b Newland			2
V. Romney		b Harris	11	c Harris	b			8
Extras				(b 3)				3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>All out</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>For nine wickets</b>				<b>58</b>
FALL OF WICKETS	1 <sup>st</sup> Innings : 1- ;2- ;3- ;4- ;5- ;6- ;7- ;8- ;9- ;10- 53. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Innings : 1- ;2- ;3- ;4- ;5- ;6- ;7- ;8- ;9- .							
Bowling analysis :	Ovs.	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ovs.	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.

## KENT WON BY ONE WICKET.

Kent Cricket Matches : “The first fully recorded match. It was brought about by a challenge issued by Lord J. P. Sackville, on behalf of Kent, to play against All England. England were 3 for five but Bryan and his captain pulled the game around. Among the formers hits was a 5. The wickets were pitched at 12 o’clock and the match completed in a day... The Prince of Wales, the Dukes of Cumberland (“Butcher”) and Richmond, Admiral Vernon (“Old Grog”) and other distinguished persons were present. Three brothers Newland – Messrs. Richard, Adam and John – played for England.”

Daily Advertiser, June 30<sup>th</sup> : “It was observed by the noblemen and gentlemen there present that there was great disorder so that it was with difficulty that the match was played out. It is ordered for the future that each person pay for going into the Ground sixpence, and there will be for the better conveniency of all gentlemen that favour me with their company, a ring of benches that will hold at least 800 persons. And it is further desired that no person

whatever, except those appointed to keep order and the players engaged for the day, be admitted to walk within the ring.”

This match inspired James Love to write “An Heroic Poem”, which is appended to this volume.

KENTISH POST, August 18<sup>th</sup> :

“We hear from New Romney, that on Monday next there will be play’d a Game of Cricket, Romney taking Tenterden, against Battle, for Half a Guinea a Man; Wickets to be pitch’d at Twelve. The game to be play’d out. Likewise, the Thursday after, Romney plays against Tenterden, High Halden and Warehorne, at New Romney. Wickets to be pitch’d at One of the Clock.”

# 1745

## **KENT *versus* ENGLAND**

Played on Bromley Common on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

Scores unknown.

**KENT WON.**

Played for 1,000 guineas.

## **ENGLAND *versus* KENT**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

Scores unknown.

**ENGLAND WON BY 119 RUNS.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “Played for 1,000 guineas. Mr. Richard Newland, who scored 88 for England, was a left-handed batsman and the uncle of Richard Nyren, of Hambledon.”

# 1746

## **BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE *versus* FORDWICH AND STURRY**

Played on Bridge Hill on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1746.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **SURREY *versus* KENT**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1746.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “The Kentish players were drawn entirely from Bromley, Bexley and Eltham. The match was completed in a day, although play did not commence until two o’clock.”

## **FORDWICH AND STURRY *versus* BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE**

Played at the Broomfield, near Fordwich on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1746.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **ASHFORD *versus* DOVER**

Played at Ashford on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1746.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **KENT AND SURREY *versus* ADDINGTON AND BROMLEY (with Kips)**

Played at Duppas Hill, Croydon on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1746.

KENT/SURREY	1 <sup>st</sup> Innings		2 <sup>nd</sup> Innings	
TOTAL	All out	42	All out	47
ADDINGTON	1 <sup>st</sup> Innings		2 <sup>nd</sup> Innings	
TOTAL	All out	60	All out	25

**KENT AND SURREY WON BY 4 RUNS.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “Nearly 10,000 spectators were present, and at one time the betting was 10 to 1 in favour of Addington and Bromley. Kips, of Eltham, played as a given man for the two parishes.”

## **KENT AND SURREY *versus* ADDINGTON AND BROMLEY (with Kips)**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1746.

Scores unknown

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “Many hundreds of pounds were lost and won on this match.”

## **KENT *versus* ENGLAND**

Played on Bromley Common on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1746.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “This match should have been played on the previous day, but the date was changed “by order of the Noblemen and Gentlemen, as it would be impossible for them to be present.”

**ENGLAND *versus* KENT**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1746

Scores unknown.

**ENGLAND WON.**



# 1747

## **BROMLEY *versus* SLINDON**

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1747.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **LONG TOM OF SURREY *versus* THE KENTISH SHEPHERD**

Played on Kennington Common on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1747.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Daily Advertiser, July 28<sup>th</sup> : The teams were made up of the named player together with “ten other persons on each side, picked out of different parts. Wickets pitched at 2; the Common to be roped round for the accommodation of spectators. Note. Long Tom is well known for his excellent play, and therefore needs no puffs; he backs himself 5 to 4 against the Kentish Shepherd.”

## **ENGLAND *versus* KENT**

Played in the Artillery Ground on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1747.

Scores unknown.

**ENGLAND WON.**

Kent Cricket Matches : “This match was to have been played on July 1<sup>st</sup>, but was altered to above date on account of the elections. George Smith, the “keeper” of the Artillery Ground stated : “The Town may be certain that the taking of Six-pence Admittance is out of no avaricious Temper, Two-pence being greatly insufficient to the Charge that attends the Matches, which Mr. Smith is ready and willing to make appear to any Gentleman.”

## **KENT *versus* ENGLAND**

Played on Bromley Common on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1747.

Scores unknown.

**ENGLAND WON.**

# 1748

## KENT *versus* ENGLAND

Played on Dartford Brent on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1748.

Scores unknown.

## KENT WON BY 11 RUNS.

Kent Cricket Matches : “It was esteemed by all a curios match, the odds being two to one on each side playing.”

## ENGLAND *versus* KENT

Played in the Artillery Ground, London on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1748.

Scores unknown.

## KENT WON.

The two games played between England and Kent this year gave rise to a Law Suit :

Jeffreys versus Walter

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*Debt* upon a bond : the defendant craves *oyer* thereof, and sets out the *condition*, that whereas one *J. Parsons*, by bond of the same date, is bound to the plaintiff in the penal sum of £1,000 to pay him an annuity of £100 *per annum* at the four usual feasts during their joint lives; now the condition of his obligation is such, that if *J. Parsons* during the joint lives of him and *Jeffreys* to remain in force; *quibus lectis et auditis*; the defendant says he ought not to be charged, because he says that after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 1711, and before the making of the said bond, viz, such a day and year, certain persons unknown to the defendant, who styled themselves as the *county of Kent*, played against certain other persons who styled themselves *all England*, at a certain game called *cricket*, and that the plaintiff won of *Parsons* 25 guineas on a bet *upon tick* upon the said game and also won of him a second *bet* upon another *game* at cricket played between the same persons the sum of 25 guineas upon tick; and that thereupon it was agreed between the said *Parsons* and *Jeffreys* that if the said *Jeffreys* would advance to the said *Parsons* £447 10s to make up the *two lost bets* £500 he the said *Parsons* would give him the said recited bond to pay him an annuity of £100 a year during their joint lives: and the defendant avers that the present bond was given by him to the plaintiff (*as a collateral security*) *for money won at play*, and that it is void by the statute. Plaintiff demurs, and defendant joins in demurrer.

It was argued for the Plaintiff that *cricket* is not a *game* within the meaning of *Stat 9 Anne* and 2<sup>ndly</sup>, that the present bond was not given for money won at play, whatever the bond by *Parsons* might be.

For the defendant it was insisted that *cricket* is a *game* though not mentioned in the *statute* and comes under the general words *or any other game or games whatever*; it is (to be sure) a manly *game*, and not bad in itself, but it is the ill use of it that is made of it, by betting above £10 upon it, that it is bad, and against the law, which ought to be construed largely to prevent the great mischief of *excessive gaming*.

If *Parsons* bond be void, there is no doubt that the defendants bond is so too, for which was cited *Salk. 344*, a case put by Holl C.J., as in point. The court inclined to give judgement to the defendant that *cricket* is a *game*, and that the present bond is void; but it stood over for further argument, and the parties agreed, *ut audiui*.

# 1749

## **LYMINGE *versus* DOVER**

Played on Elham Down on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 1749.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

Played for five shillings a man.

## **MARRIED OF STURRY *versus* BATCHELORS OF STURRY**

Played in Sturry on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1749.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **BATCHELORS OF STURRY *versus* MARRIED OF STURRY**

Played in one of the meadows of Sturry Court on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1749.

Scores unknown.

**RESULT UNKNOWN.**

## **HAM STREET AND NEIGHBOURING PARISHES *versus* BRENCHLEY**

Played at Ham Street Green on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 1749.

## **LONDON *versus* BEARSTED**

Played on the Artillery Ground, London on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1749.

Scores unknown.

**LONDON WON “WITH GREAT EASE”.**

CRICKET : AN HEROIC POEM

By James Love

To the Right Honourable  
JOHN EARL OF SANDWICK  
Viscount Hitchinbroke, and Baron Montague of St. Neots

MY LORD

With the greatest diffidence I presume to lay this imperfect poem at your Lordships Feet.

I could not, however, omit the present favourable Opportunity of testifying the VENERATION I have for hour LORDSHIP: For as you have so publicly approv'd the Game of CRICKET, every thing that, in the least, appertains to that DIVERSION, cannot help looking up to its ILLUSTRIOUS PATRON.

Far be it from me (tho' Custom has taught the Method, to almost every Dedication) to attempt a Description of your LORDSHIP'S exalted Qualifications: Those Excellencies which every Englishman is sensible of, but no one can express.

I am perfectly aware of my own want of Merit, and even tremble while I am presumptuously addressing the CICERO of the Age. But I again recover myself, when I consider that your LORDSHIP'S ample Good-nature, is both able and willing to excuse.

MY LORD,

Your LORDSHIP'S  
Most Devoted,  
Most Obedient, and  
Most Humble Servant.

THE ARGUMENT  
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The Subject. Address to the Patron of CRICKET. A description of the Pleasures felt at the Approach of the proper Season for CRICKET, and Preparations for it. A Comparison between this Game and others, particularly Billiards, Bowls, and Tennis. Exhortation to Britain, to leave all meaner Sports, and cultivate CRICKET only, as most adapted to the Freedom and Hardiness of its Constitution. The Counties most famous for CRICKET are described, as vying with one another for Excellency.

BOOK 1

While others, soaring on a lofty Wing,  
Of dire Bellona's cruel Triumphs sing;  
Sound the shrill Clarion, mount the rapid car,  
And rush delighted thro' the ranks of War;  
My tender Muse, in humbler, milder strains,  
Presents a bloodless Conquest on the Plains;  
Where vig'rous Youth, in Life's fresh Bloom resort,  
For pleasing Exercise and healthful Sport.  
Where Emulation fires, where Glory draws,  
And active Sportsmen struggle for Applause;  
Expert to Bowl, to Run, to Stop, to Throw,  
Each Nerve collected at each mighty Blow.