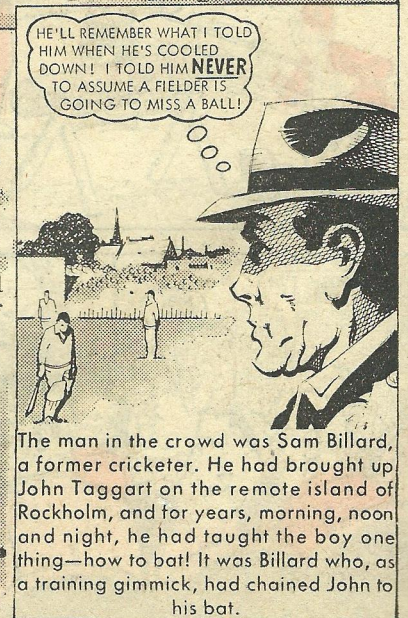
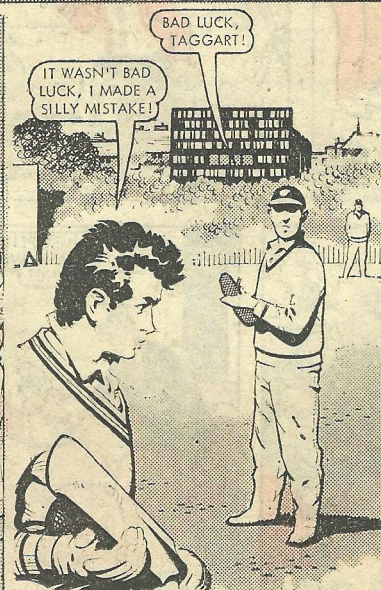
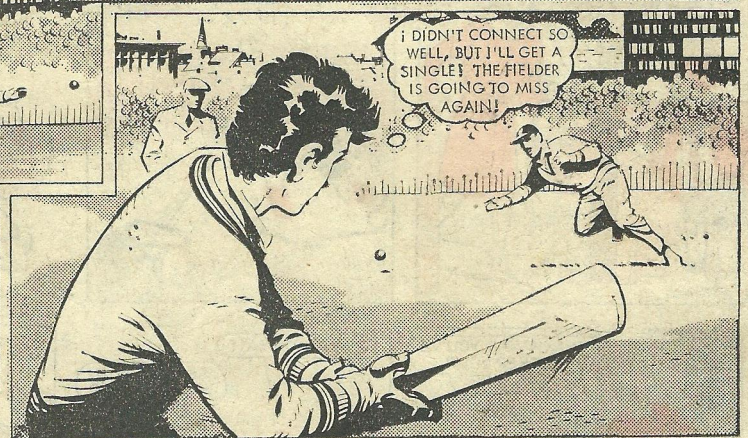
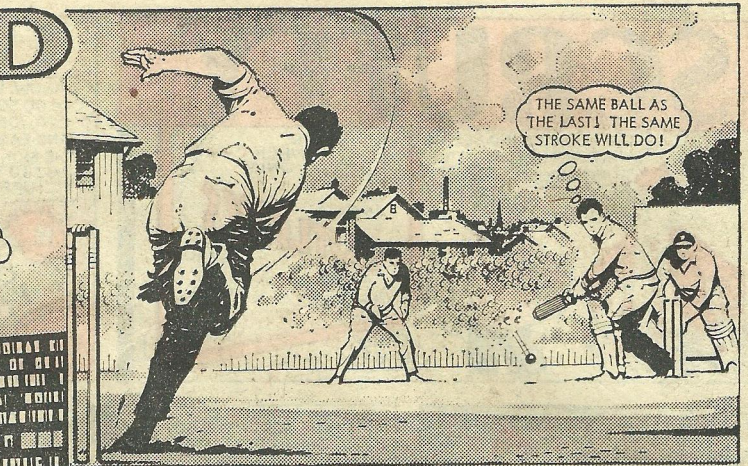


John gets his biggest honour—he is chosen for the M.C.C.

CHAINED to his BAT



JOHN TAGGART, the brilliant young cricketer who was chained to his bat, was being hailed as the best batsman in the world. John was playing for Moorshire against Southshire and was in sight of Len Hutton's record score of 364.



The man in the crowd was Sam Billard, a former cricketer. He had brought up John Taggart on the remote island of Rockholm, and for years, morning, noon, and night, he had taught the boy one thing—how to bat! It was Billard who, as a training gimmick, had chained John to his bat.