

Moorshire declared shortly after John's dismissal and went on to get Southshire out quickly, and so record their third win in a row. The next day John was at the Moorshire ground, practising, when a telegram arrived from London, for David Fisher, the skipper.



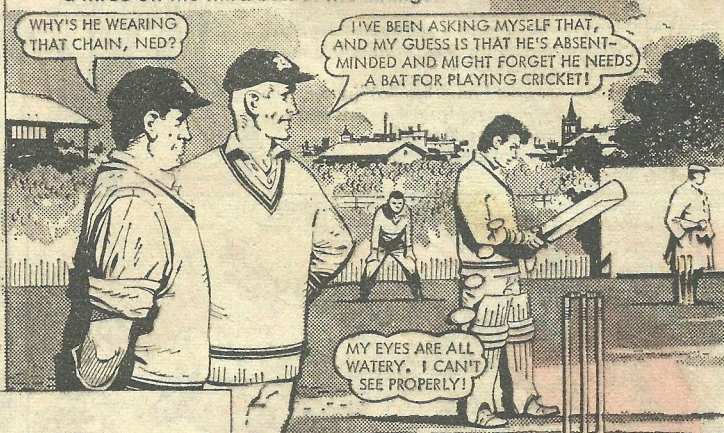
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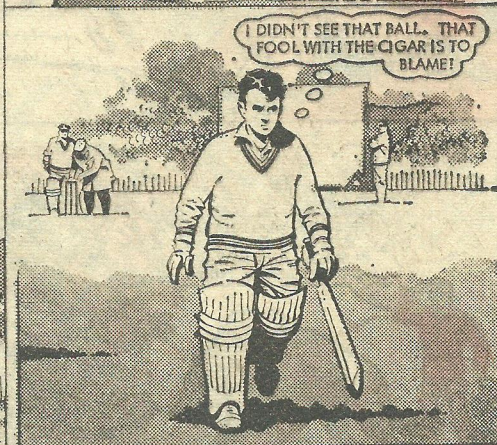
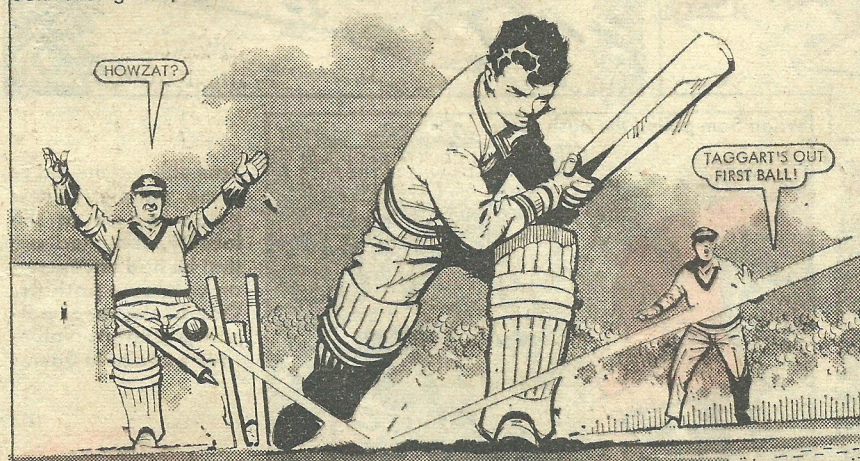
Later, at Lord's, John was about to leave the dressing-room to open the M.C.C. innings with Ted Hamlet, the Northshire batsman, when—



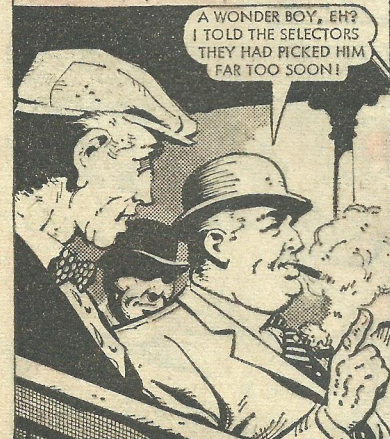
John had to face the bowling when Hamlet notched a three off the third ball of the innings.



John took guard, then—



Meanwhile, up in the pavilion.



John is on the carpet before the M.C.C. committee in NEXT WEEK'S tense story!