

*The chain puts John in deadly danger.*

# CHAINED TO HIS BAT

**JOHN TAGGART**, the brilliant young cricketer, was playing a sparkling innings for Moorshire against the Australians. As a training gimmick, John had been chained to his bat, and now he could not do without it.



Later.

THAT PUTS TAGGART AT THE TWO HUNDRED MARK! THE AUSTRALIAN BOWLERS MUST BE DREADING PLAYING AGAINST HIM IN THE TEST.



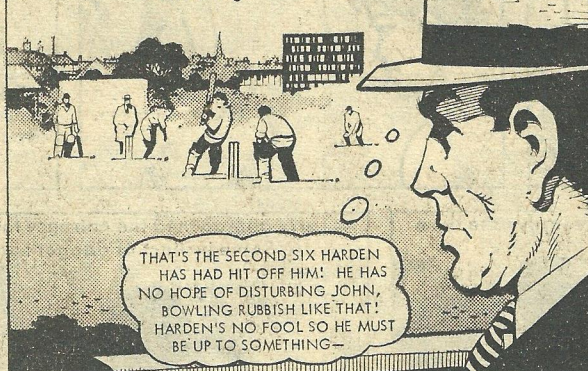
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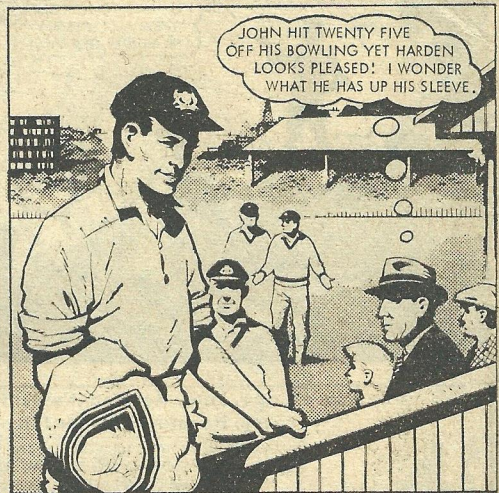
THIS MUST BE THE LAST OVER OF THE DAY! JOHN TAGGART IS ON TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY ONE—AND SOMETHING INTERESTING IS HAPPENING! JEFF HARDEN, THE AUSSIE SKIPPER IS PUTTING HIMSELF ON TO BOWL. JEFF IS NO BOWLER! I WONDER WHAT HIS IDEA IS?



Sam Billard, the ex-England cricketer who had coached John for years on the deserted island of Rockholm, was also wondering.



JOHN HIT TWENTY FIVE OFF HIS BOWLING YET HARDEN LOOKS PLEASED! I WONDER WHAT HE HAS UP HIS SLEEVE.



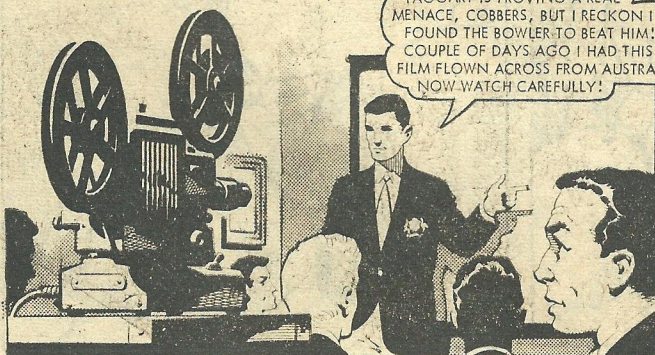
HARDEN BOWLED A FLOATER OF A KIND AND THE BOY HESITATED FOR A MOMENT. I WONDER—?



A floater looks like a full-toss, but dips late in flight.

That night in their hotel the Aussie skipper called his men together to see a special film show.

TAGGART IS PROVING A REAL MENACE, COBBERS, BUT I RECKON I'VE FOUND THE BOWLER TO BEAT HIM! A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO I HAD THIS FILM FLOWN ACROSS FROM AUSTRALIA! NOW WATCH CAREFULLY!



WHY DOES HE HAVE THE BALL ON A STRING?

YOU MUST BE JOKING, SKIPPER!

JUST WATCH HIM IN ACTION!

