

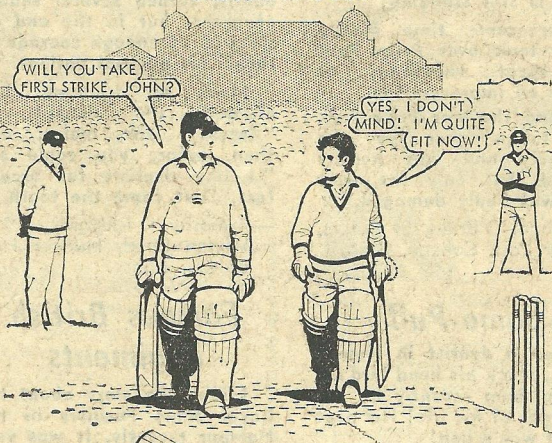
John goes on the defensive—to score more runs!

CHAINED to his BAT

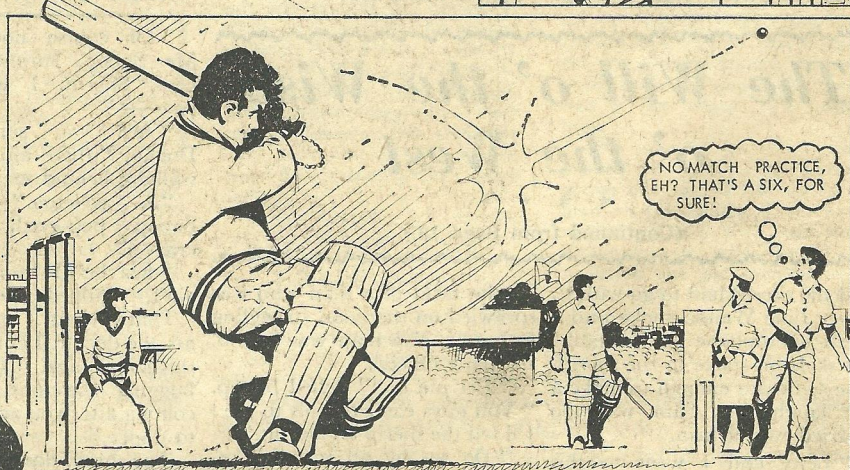
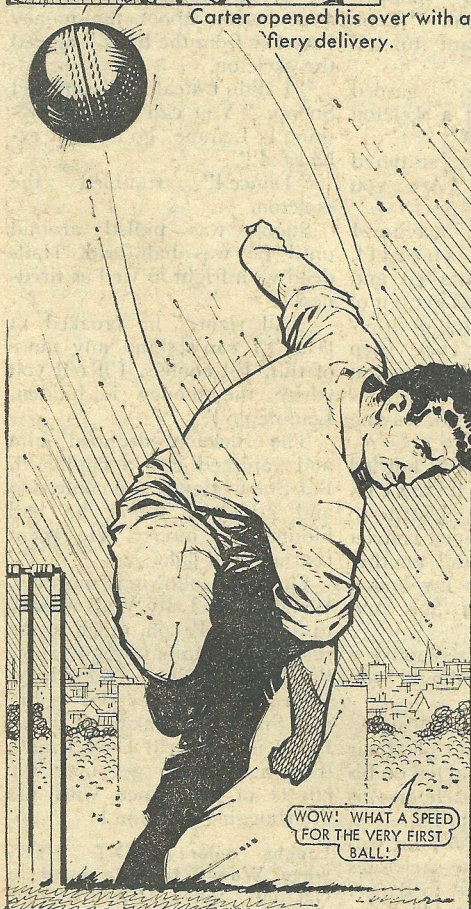
JOHN TAGGART, the wonder batsman who was chained to his bat, was practising in the nets prior to playing for England in the Fourth Test. He was watched by two of the English selectors. John hadn't played in the first three Tests against the Australians, because of injury received when lightning had struck the chain of his bat. In the series, Australia had won one game with the other two drawn.



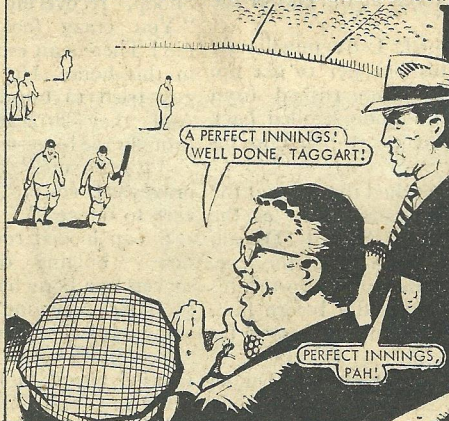
England won the toss and the English captain put Don Fuller and John in to bat.



Geoff Harden, the Australian skipper, had a word with Carter, his opening fast bowler.



By the end of the day, England were 401 for three. John's contribution was 232 not out!



The man John knew only as Coach, was Sam Billard, a former Test player who had brought up John on the deserted island of Rockholm, and had coached him to be the world's best batsman.