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BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dolman	20	4	69	2
Raikes	21	4	84	1
Arnott	18	2	73	0
Clay	10	1	57	2
Hodges	11	1	61	0
Rocyn-Jones	3	0	16	0

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Total 179

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Geary	19	1	63	0
Lock	31	5	73	6
Williams	7	3	9	0
Whitfield	2	0	5	1
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RESULT: Surrey won by an innings and 92 runs.

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VISITORS COLLAPSE

Fine weather favoured the second day's play, which opened on Friday at 11 o'clock, and ended at precisely 3.45 p.m. The attendance was disappointing, only 343 paying for admission.

Wilcox and Jones resumed at the Monmouthshire overnight score of 98 for four, but could make little headway against good length bowling. With one exception, this applied to the remaining batsmen. Five wickets were down for 100, six for 104, seven for 127, eight for 140, and nine for 161, the innings ending at 179 at 12.30. Raikes was the only player to show any resistance to the attack, but was dismissed when 34 by Cook, who made a splendid one-handed catch at deep mid off. The steadiness of the attack, in which Lock had the best figures with six for 73, was reflected in the fact that there was not a boundary stroke in the first hour's play. Monmouth followed on 211 in arrears, but once again the attack, in which Lock and Geary were the most destructive, held the whip hand. At lunch two wickets were down for 23, and continued to fall rapidly afterwards, only five runs being added for the loss of three more men. The tide was slightly stemmed, but nine men were back in the pavilion before 3.30 p.m. with only 113 runs on the board. The side was all out for 119, leaving Surrey easy winners by an innings and 92 runs. Roeyn-Jones was the only batsman to gain control over the bowling, his 52 containing the second six of the match. His dismissal was brought about by Whitfield, who brought off a brilliant one-handed catch. Lock came out with the fine analysis of four for 31, and Geary three for 36.

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J. Smith b Baldwin	14
T. Arnott b Geary	5
H. Jones b Lock	0
K. C. Raikes lbw b Lock	13
E. C. Dolman b Whitfield	3
T. B. Williams b Baldwin	14
A. H. Roeyn-Jones c Whitfield b Lock	52
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For the visitors, Dolman took two wickets for 68, Clay two for 37 and Raikes one for 88. In Monmouthshire's first innings Lock took six for 73, Baldwin three for 27 and Whitfield one for five, and in the second Lock four for 31, Geary three for 36, Baldwin two for 58 and Whitfield one for 12.