

The principal source of information about cricket matches played nationally from 1746 to 1879 is contained in the 16 volumes of Frederick Lillywhite's¹² and Arthur Haygarth's *Scores and Biographies*, which have been indexed and reissued by Roger Heavens over the last few years.¹³ Personal details of all cricketers who have appeared in first class matches are contained in *Who's Who of Cricketers*, by Philip Bailey, Philip Thorn and Peter Wynne-Thomas¹⁴, from which the details noted have been taken.

The match to which T.W. Boss referred was probably one of the two that took place in 1851 and 1852.

The Matches of 1851 and 1852

Volume 4 of *Scores and Biographies* (p.247) contains a report of a game "At Banbury in Oxfordshire, June 16, 17 and 18 **1851**". It first prints the detailed scorecard. It is reproduced on page 224 as it appeared in the *Banbury Guardian* of 19th June 1851.

The England Eleven, apart from Sampson, all appear in *The Who's Who of Cricketers*. They were, in batting order, with a brief extract from *Who's Who's* assessment:

Joseph Guy, 1814-1873. "He was one of the leading batsmen of his day, noted for the elegance of his style."

William Caffyn, 1828-1919. "Regarded as one of the leading batsmen of his time."

H. Sampson. No entry in the *Cricketers' Who's Who*, but the Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians' website indicates that he lived from 1813 to 1885, and was a prominent player in the North of England.

Fuller Pilch, 1804-1870. "For a period of about 15 years commencing in the early 1830's Pilch was the premier batsman of England."¹⁵

George Parr, 1826-1891. "About 1860 he was regarded as the best batsman in England."

¹² G. Derek West (see footnote 6) writes "Frederick Lillywhite 1829-1866, was no cricketer but a journalist, scorer, statistician and publicist of the first four volumes of *Scores and Biographies*. He made many enemies in his last few years on account of the bitter comments he printed on the demeanour and character of several of the leading professional cricketers of the early 1860s."

¹³ I consulted the copies in the Surrey County Cricket Club's Centenary library.

¹⁴ Guild Publishing London, 1st edition 1984, includes all players to the end of the 1983 season.

¹⁵ A picture of Fuller Pilch appears on p.11 of *A History of Cricket*, Trevor Bailey, Book Club Associates, 1978.