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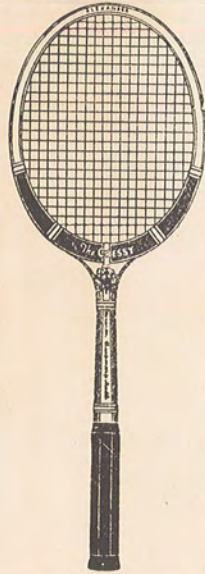
— TEAMS —

KIPPAX, A. F. (Captain)	McGILVRAY, A. D. (Captain)
ANDREWS, T. J. E.	ALTERATOR, A. R.
CHIPPERFIELD, A. G.	BILL, O. W.
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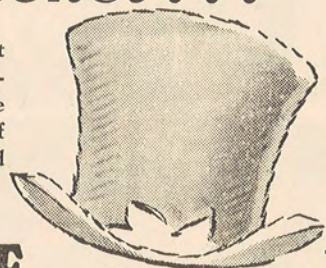
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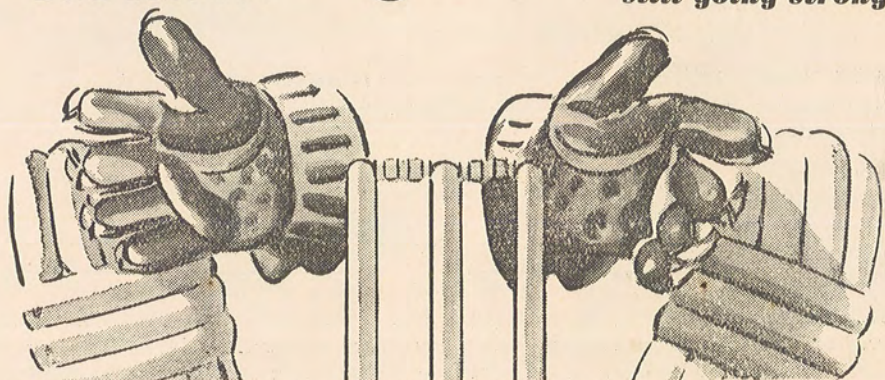


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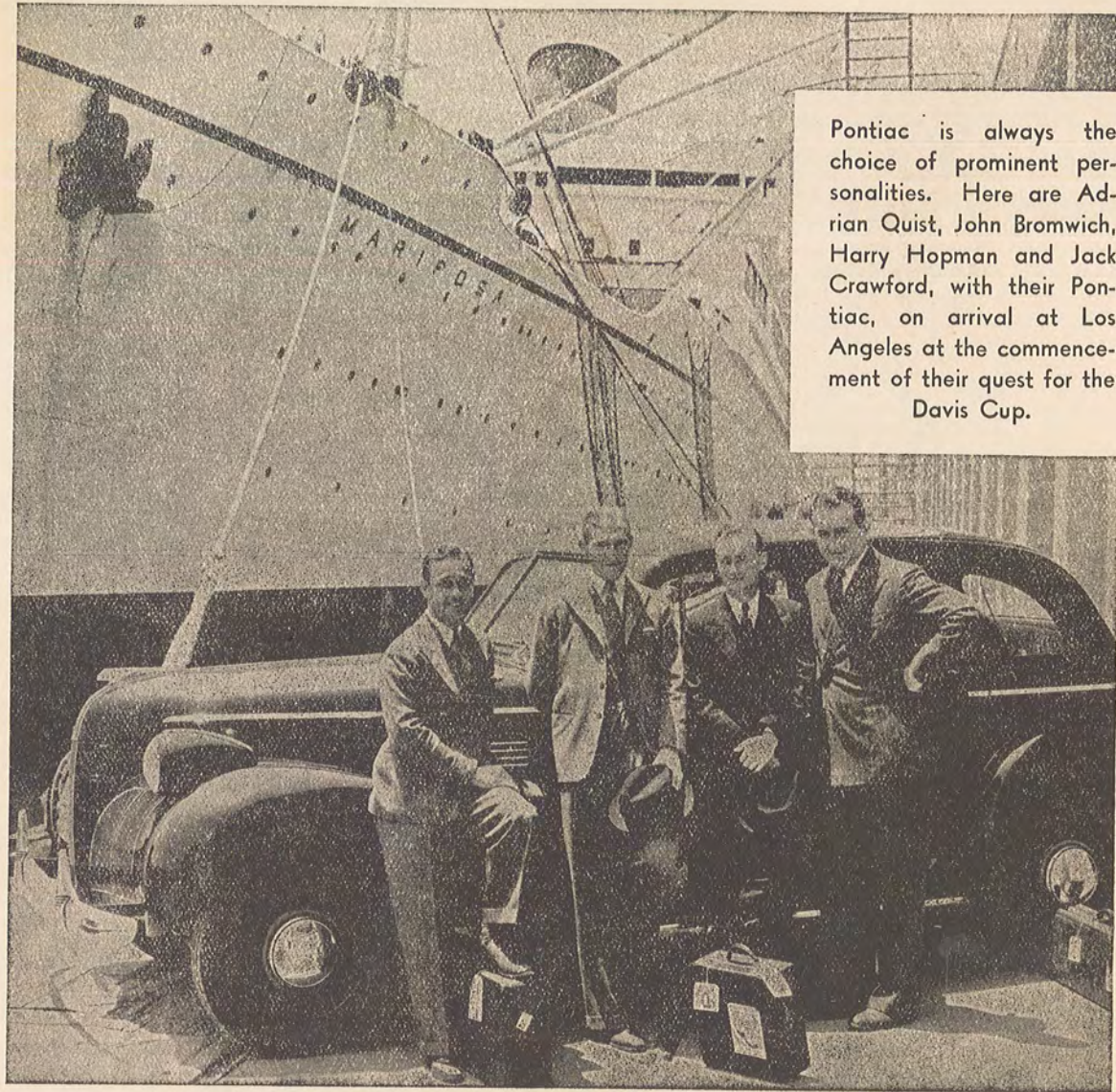
On his first tour of England he averaged 59 runs per innings in all First Class matches. Few know that this was, up till 1934, the best average obtained by an Australian with the exception of Don Bradman.

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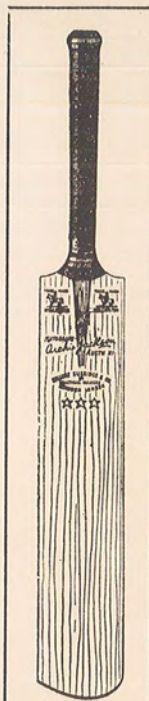
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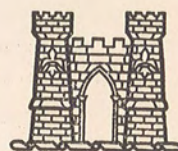
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