

THE DUKE VISITS AUSSIES.

The Lords Taverners held a Spring Luncheon in honour of the Australian cricketers. Before the Duke of Edinburgh arrived, Skipper Richie Benaud chatted with B.B.C's John Snagge; Davidson with Len Hutton, long-time Test Match rivals. Major Huskisson, of the Taverners, introduced the players to the Duke.

Prince Philip wished Benaud an enjoyable and successful tour. Then they all went into the pavilion, and in the famous Long Room applauded the Duke's characteristically witty speech. To Brian Statham (voted the Taverners' Cricketer of the Year), a tankard and tie were presented. A tie was also given to Richie Benaud and he responded by giving his Australian tie to the Duke - rather an embarrassment, if he's expected to wear it at Test Matches. Which country's going to win the Series, Time will tell...