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DEATH OF SIR JACK HOBBS

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert
Menzies

Jack Hobbs was of course famous as a great cricketer. There has never been a player with better technical equipment or temperament. Good wickets or bad wickets seemed to come all alike to him.

He was also a very fine fieldsman in the covers where he never appeared to hurry, yet always seemed to get to the ball sooner than the batsman expected.

But apart from that, he was a charming and modest man who enjoyed the personal affection of many thousands of people.

I saw a good deal of him on visits to England and in Australia and was proud to claim him as a friend.

CANBERRA,

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