

BATS AND BRUISES

Malcolm Heywood on early cricketing attire

The attire back then was very different and it's clear from pictures that leg guards and gloves did not form part of their gear, so I'm sure bruises were gained regularly.



Because bowling was under-arm back then you could just about get away without wearing padding. The bats used in those days were usually made from one piece of wood, the more expensive bats usually had steel down the handle to help keep them intact.

The balls they used back then were the same as the ones we can get today, which are Dukes, and back in 1839 they cost 7s 6p.