

CRICKET

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On Saturday afternoon last the visitors at Chatham House cricket field were the Royal Engineers (I.W. & D.) from Sandwich. After the copious rains of the previous few days it was thought that the wicket would certainly be a bowler's one, but the warm sun of the forenoon dried it very considerably, and the best game of the season resulted. Going first to the wicket the Engineers showed up as if they were in for keeps; but Taylor, who looked good for a tall score, was well held by Foster when he had made 10. Allison, his partner, made a good stand, and all the wiles of Kingston and Dive apparently could not remove him; then Foster was tried, and in his first over sent Allison back to the pavilion, clean bowled for 42 runs. Goddard, who went in first wicket down, carried his bat, and displayed splendid cricket all through, playing a safe but slow game for his 30 not out. All the others made useful contributions to the total, only one who did not succeed in breaking his "R.E." Altogether the Fragment's fielding was excellent, and undoubtedly was the principal factor in keeping the score of the Sandwichmen from reaching into centuries. Dive took two wickets for 32 runs, Kingston six for 43, and Foster one for 14.

On taking their lease of the wicket, and with the task of having to run up 130 runs to win, Shepherd was bowled without breaking his duck, while Ayres was smartly caught for 5. Capt. Preston took things easy, and, although he got no lives, was nipped for a dozen. Harrison had the hardest of hard luck, after boiling the bowling down to a fraction, he got run out on what looked like a very safe double, but the fielder threw straight for the wicket, and got it in all. Houldcroft, the only other to reach double-figures, played his usual careful game for his 13. The Granvillians are to be complimented on such a creditable loss against such a formidable team as that of the Engineers, which included four or five English County cricketers. Details:—

ROYAL ENGINEERS		GRANVILLE	
Taylor, c Foster, b Dive	10	Shepherd, b Taylor	0
Allison, b Foster	42	Ayres, c Goddard, b Andrews	5
Goddard, not out	30	Preston, b Andrews	12
Brooks, lbw Kingston	9	Strutton, b Taylor	0
Bromley-Devonport, b Kingston	9	Harrison, run out	26
Wilson, b Kingston	1	Bowskill, b Andrews	2
Common, b Kingston	3	Willis, c Common, b Taylor	5
Franklin-Adams, st Harrison	10	Houldcroft, b Goddard	13
Moulton, lbw Kingston	0	Dive, b Masterton	6
Andrews, c Preston, b Kingston	3	Foster, b Goddard	1
Masterton, c Kingston, b Dive	4	Kingston, not out	0
Extras	8	Extras	15
Total	129	Total	85