

CRICKET

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Keen disappointment was felt last Saturday when it was learned that the boys at Sandwich were unable to play that day, but a date has been fixed with them. This being so the day was a blank. Several matches are being arranged with neighbouring units.

On Wednesday afternoon the lads of the R.N.A.S. from Walmer came to Chatham House and put up the best game this season with the Granville. Old Sol was having a revel day, and the wicket was in the pink of condition. Granville were without Sergt. Harrison, who is on leave at present, his place being taken by Corp. Bowskill. The game from start to finish was full of interest, and it was not till the fall of the eighth wicket that the issue of the match hove in sight. The Granvillians won by the narrow margin of 10 runs. This makes the seventh successive victory for the "Fragments," and on their present form it will have to be a first-class team who will beat them. Cricket has now to be recognised as the foremost sport in connection with the G.A.A.

The Airmen took first lease of the wicket, and Higgs and Dean at once showed they were no novices with the willow, Dean putting up 21 before Ayres got his bails, while Higgs notched 17 runs when Kingston with one of his hesitation stunts clean bowled him. The "Flyers" were eventually got rid of for 74 runs. Kingston took six wickets for 17 runs; Ayres two for 12; and Houldcroft one for 1 run.

Going to the wicket Corp. Strutton was clean bowled for his first "duck." Whistler Sutton played steadily for his 17, but he took Morrish a little too cheaply, and got bit. Captain Preston was nicely set, and had got the height and weight of the bowlers when he was very cleverly caught in the slips by Johnson, adding 14 as his quota. Houldcroft was rather too eager to run up a score, at the same time he was playing very cautiously when Higgs got his stumps. Bert Bowskill, though only called on at the last minute to fill a gap, showed some good cricketing points, and played very nicely for his 10 not out. Higgs had seven wickets for 27 runs; while Morrish, Smith and Bannister took one each. Details:—

AIRMEN		GRANVILLE	
Higgs, b Kingston	17	Strutton, b Higgs	0
Vaughan, run out	3	Sutton, b Morrish	17
Johnson, b Kingston	0	Preston, c Johnson, b Higgs	14
Smith, b Kingston	5	Houldcroft, b Higgs	10
Dean, b Ayres	21	Ayres, b Smith	2
Morrish, b Kingston	0	Dive, c Barrister, b Higgs	4
Harte, c and b Kingston	1	Shepherd, lbw, b Higgs	9
Morrish, b Kingston	3	Hall, b Bannister	0
Bannister, b Houldcroft	0	Bowskill not out	10
Taylor, not out	1	Kingston, c Bannister, b Higgs	5
Gillmann, b Ayres	7	Brade, b Higgs	0
Extras	16	Extras	13
Total	74	Total	84