

CRICKET

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On Saturday afternoon last the Fragments had as their guests their old friends from the Manston R.N.A.S. permanent camp. There were some four or five new players in their team, but some of them proved their place. Martin played a neat bat, and found the boundary line more than once, till he gave Corp. Strutton one to hold which was too good to let slip. Our pay-office Corp. is too sure with his hands to let anything go to waste. Ford (not of the P.S.) suffered the same fate at the hands of the same Corp., just when he seemed set for a long tally. As it was he played dandy cricket for his 19. Then Pope, who seemed a bit timid at first, put up 10 not out, and was good for a lot more. Kingston did most of the execution, taking six wickets for 44 runs. S.-Sergt. Dive took three for 29, while Capt. Preston sent down one over, taking the last wicket for 4 runs.

Taking a lease of the wicket, Corps. Shepherd and Strutton led off, the former's life was a short one. Capt. Preston was certainly in luck's way, as he had no fewer than four lives given him, but his 42 was very useful. Frankie Willis was out to slay, and put up a very pretty 39, when got the cricketer's hateful conge—run out. Ayres made a very useful 26, when he was neatly held by Scardifield. Corp. Bowskill was the player of the afternoon. By neat cricket he run up the top score of the season 52 not out. He found the boundary mark no fewer than nine times, one of which found a clear path through the air into Townley Castle precincts. Houldcroft's star is in the ascendancy, and he was right on the job. Wielding the willow to some advantage, he played good old English cricket for his contribution of 33 not out, which included five boundaries. The Airmen changed the bowlers half-a-dozen times, but to little purpose, the Canadian boys were revelling in the game. At six o'clock stumps were drawn, when only five of the Granville wickets were down for 211 runs. Dive, Kingston and Brade did not bat. Details:—

MANSTON		GRANVILLE	
Pinchin, b Dive	8	Shepherd, lbw, b Woolgar	1
Tebb, b Kingston	5	Strutton, b Blackman	8
Woolgar, c Bowskill, b Kingston	0	Preston, c Blackman, b Martin	42
Martin, c Strutton, b Kingston	14	Harrison, b Blackman	3
Frost, b Kingston	5	Willis, run out	39
Wainwright, b Dive	6	Ayres, c Scardifield, b Frost	26
Gardner, b Kingston	6	Bowskill, not out	52
Blackman, b Kingston	0	Houldcroft, not out	33
Scardifield, b Kingston	4	Dive	
Ford, c Strutton, b Preston	19	Kingston, } did not bat	
Pope, not out	10	Brade	
Extras	4	Extras	7
Total	81	Total	211