

THE NUTS, 3; WESTGATE AIRMEN, 2

On Saturday afternoon a crowd of over 3000 spectators lined the ropes on the Chatham House ground to witness the final contest in the V.A.D. Cup competition. In the enclosure were Lt.-Col. Clarke, Capt. Tomlin, Naval Base, and Mrs. Tomlin, several of our nursing sisters, a large number of ladies, and many officers, both naval and military.

Punctually at 3 o'clock Col. Clarke kicked off on a soft ground. The blue-jackets early in the game showed that they were quite conversant with the game, and for a time kept the ball in Canadian territory, but Kingston was always in the way when an airman tried to find the net. A shower of snow and sleet, with a choppy wind marred play considerably; but with a fine exhibition of combination the Westgate forwards bored own on the Nuts' defence, and for once Willis and Creighton were beaten, and Sailor Stevens scored the first goal of the match. On the ball being set a-going Bowskill and Horne, ably supported by Strutton, took it down the field and made no mistake, Horne taking Bert's pass landed a clean goal. This put the airmen on their mettle, and they made several raids on Kingston's citadel, but they had to reckon with Creighton and Willis every time. Away went the Fragments from France again, and beating down all opposition, Sammy Horne put the Canucks in the lead.

Changing ends 2—1 in favour of the Cripples, the game became very fast, and the R.N.A.S. did their utmost to even up matters, but could not, until the referee came to their assistance, and gave a doubtful penalty against Willis. Taking the kick, Commander Ross put such vim into it that Kingston had no earthly chance of saving. Snow now came down heavily, accompanied by thunder, but even that did not damp the ardour of the Nuts, who played up well, and bombarded the Naval goal for a time, then Tootell saw an opening and placed the ball behind Randall. Shortly afterwards the whistle sounded dismissal, the Canadians winning a hard fought game by 3 goals to 2.

The game was fast and clean throughout, some particularly good combination work being shown by the naval men at the beginning. But the pace they set seemed to tell on them more than on the Nuts.

In a game in which every man did his best, the play of both Kingston in goal, and Willis at back, was brilliant, these two again and again breaking up the attack of the airmen.

At the conclusion of the match Mrs. Tomlin, with a few words of congratulation, handed the cup to the captain of the team, Staff-Sergt. Towler, who suitably replied, the proceedings ending with three cheers (Canadian) and a "tiger" for Mrs. Tomlin, who gracefully bowed her acknowledgement.