

**Cornwall tour 2009 - Imperial
Medicals RFC (9th April 2009-13th April
2009)**

On a very sunny Thursday 35 boys departed from Hammersmith on the 84th Cornwall Tour. 7 hours later they arrived in St Ives where some welcome drinks were imbibed. The next day we met up with another 5 boys and headed to the remote location of Redruth, where we were met by a well drilled and physical side. Straight from the kick off Redruth were all over the medics, pinning them back in their own 22. However some valiant medics defence meant that Redruth could find a way through our defence for 30mins. Only after an outrageous cross field kick from Redruth could they find a way through. Medics went in at half time 5-0 down. During the second half the medics started to build some momentum and Kevin Ilo intercepted a Redruth pass to level the scores,. Angus Hamilton then made a fantastic break and off load to Kevin again to score. Medics in front 10-5. Redruth then rang in some changes and with a few key injuries the medics then lost the lead 12-10. Redruth then turned on the falir in the last 5 scoring two quick tries leaving the score 26-10. A truly good effort from the medics. Friday evening saw the team go for a curry in St Ives.

Saturday morning saw glorious weather and the team headed to the beach for some sun and games. A hard fought beach American football game was Austin's Priates beat McWilliams' Marauders. Saturday is traditionally the Penzance match, but St Ives switched their game with them so the medics faced a good St Ives team. However a few trump cards had appeared for the medics taking the touring party to 45. Straight from the word go the medics were more physical and adventurous in their rugby and got 2 early scores. Which then opened the flood gates. Although St Ives did score some cracking individual tries! Final score 50-24 medics win. The evening was spent in St Ives where we enjoyed a team pub supper.

Sunday was a day of rest where gentlemen enjoyed a round of golf, some

beach American football, a magnificent BBQ and a bit of rugby on TV.

Monday. By the time kick off came it had been raining for about 12 hours and the pitch was a complete bog. Despite this Penzance were still keen to play. So a real battle occurred. Both teams kicking lumps out of each other in the worse playing conditions ever witnessed! Unfortunately the medics narrowly lost 5-7. Having left so late we avoided all the traffic on the M4 and got back in very quick time. Thanks go to Bellringer, Neville, Dog Face and Ben for sharing the driving. All in all a fantastic tour with huge numbers. Some really great rugby played which should stand us in good stead for next season. A massive thank you to the Spring Tour fund, without which a lot of the boys would not have been able to afford this wonderful and traditional tour. Bring on the 85th Cornwall tour!

Numbers on tour: 45

Students on tour: 35

Non-Students: 10

Non-students made their won way down as the ICU funding was used to pay for student travel and deposit for accommodation. Non-Students also had to pay more for the accommodation as they didn't get any of the deposit money.

Finances:

Grant: £1536.38

Accommodation: - £800 – just a deposit

Travel: - 775.48

Recoverable VAT: 65.22

Final Position: £26.12

(The accommodation cost each person £60 which they paid on arrival)

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