

Clubs and Societies Board  
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### Medics Rugby Tour report

On a very sunny Thursday 35 boys departed from Hammersmith on the 84<sup>th</sup> 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 (not for the first time) we were met by a team of mutants. 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 crossfield kick from Redruth could they find a way through. Medics went int 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.

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.

Sunday was 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. 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 whom a lot of the boys would not have been able to afford this wonderful and traditional tou. Bring on the 85<sup>th</sup> Cornwall tour!