

The Autumn Internationals reach Afghanistan

Perhaps not quite at England v New Zealand standard, there was blood, sweat and tears all the same.



The Engineer Tag 7s teams formed up ready for play!!

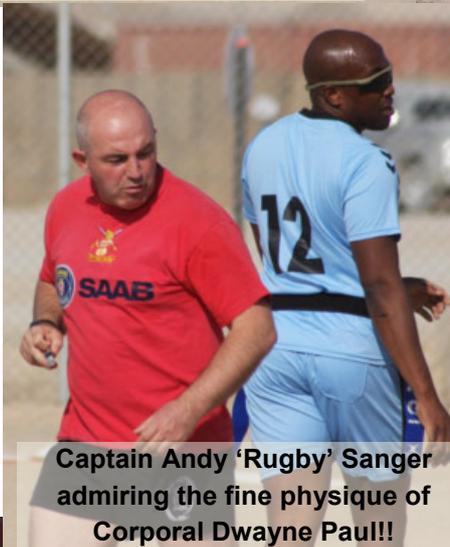


Lance Corporal Jones skipping past the Light Aid Detachment's fence with Sergeant Wright in support.



Lance Corporal Frankham handing off, did someone say this was tag?

32 Engineer Regiment hosted a Op HERRICK Tag rugby 7s tournament to coincide with the autumn internationals back in the UK. Attached units involved were 17 Fd Sqn, the current EOD & Search Sqn, 103 Military Working dogs and the REME detachment. Daily training sessions began to develop confidence within the teams. EOD & Search even purchased a new team strip in expectation of the squad's performance. The first game between EOD & Search and REME



Captain Andy 'Rugby' Sanger admiring the fine physique of Corporal Dwayne Paul!!

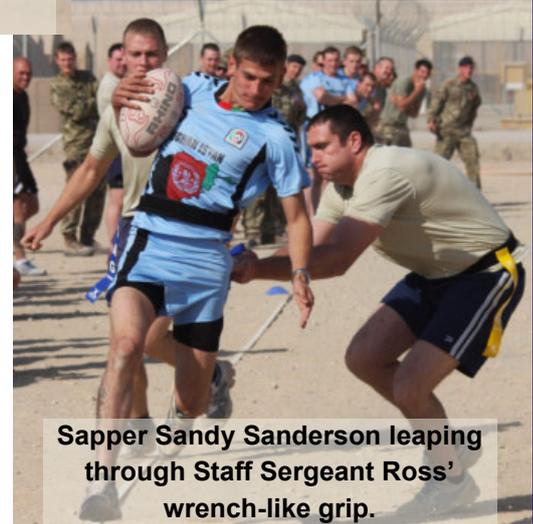
got off to a slow start but unit rivalry soon surfaced with temperatures rising, the game went to extra time with REME running out as eventual winners. Several sweaty games later saw a final between 2 HQ Sqn and the REME, fast and uncompromising the several Corps and Army players in the Engineer HQ Sqn team proving to be the difference, LCpl Sammy Sema and WO2 Mark Eastley (yes a big fat prop can play 7's) proving match winners as the HQ Sqn won convincingly.



Corporal Buzz Busby getting restrained with Lieutenant Harry Allchorn watching on.

All players demonstrated skill and courage, though some blatantly disregarded the non-contact rule (a fairly fundamental rule in touch!). Great fun was had by all, and all players knowing it was the taking part that counts.

In all, it was a great day with some particularly good (un) biased refereeing from Captain Andy Sanger and WO1 (RSM) Brookfield.



Sapper Sandy Sanderson leaping through Staff Sergeant Ross' wrench-like grip.

