

2012 and the first game for the Vets was a trip to Dartfordians. With the aid of Sam Weston and Tom Matley a 15 man squad eventually made the kickoff, albeit a couple of the squad were somewhat later than the rest. Thankful when the game got under way, and after a lot of Maidstone field position, Brian Costello found his way to the try line far easier than he found the club. A further try came from a penalty 10 meters from the line, Glyn Richards called the infamous Vets 3 ball. A tap and give and charge saw Adrian Clark go straight through the opposition to score. Dartfordians were not going to lay down and returned with a score of their own. Dartfordians changed their tactic for the second half, utilising the maul to set their attack. A further score brought them back into contention. The Vets came back with a score of their own with a determined charge and score by Sam Weston. Dartfordians were by no means done posting a further score of their own. So 10 minutes to go and 4 points up. A last concerted push was needed, and was duly delivered with Bob Pufitt crossing in the last 2 minutes to finish the day in style.

Team: Keith Newman, Dave Jackson, Bob Purfitt(T), Tony O, Garth Howgate, Bob Keynes, Sam Weston(T), Glyn Richards, Tom Matley, Matt Ellesmere, Adrian Clark(T), Brian Costello(T), Hone Tucker, Jonathan Davies, Keith Coomber(3c)

Final Score: Maidstone Vets 26 Dartfordians 15