So all good things come to an end. The Vets unbeaten run (!) in 2018 finally finished at the hands of a well-drilled (and not Vets) Darts team on Saturday in what was a fairly enjoyable game, perhaps not reflected by the score.

The fixture saw a welcome return to the fold of prop Bob Purfitt, back row Paul Massey and after being a good boy and waiting for the requisite 3 week period after taking a whack on the noggin, [Martin Maytum](https://www.facebook.com/martin.maytum?fref=gs&dti=347446165466543&hc_location=group). There was also a return to form of our Water Boy, [David Tugwell](https://www.facebook.com/david.tugwell?fref=gs&dti=347446165466543&hc_location=group) (at least as of yet I have not heard of anyone keeling over due to water contamination). Speaking of the Tugwells, Ben scored his first senior try when finishing from 30 metres/ feet/ inches/ cm (delete as appropriate).

Bob Purfitt also thought he had scored a try. Unfortunately he was 5 metres short. Yep that old trick of trying to fool the ref into thinking the 5 metre line was in fact the try-line. Suffice to say it didn't work though I hear the ref - Sandra - did briefly consider awarding him half a try. This obviously made Bob a strong contender for TotM. However he redeemed himself by spending part of his impending retirement package on TWO jugs of beer (Kent Session Pale since you are wondering; also available behind the Darts bar: St Austell's Tribute & Proper Job. Like being at the Flower Pot).

Instead the TotM went instead to hooker Anthony 'Michael Flatley' Round for his Riverdance impression whilst trying to hook the ball during a scrum but actually kicking it to the opposition. Anthony also, for the second week in a row, kicked the ball in open play. However as this turned out to probably be the best kick of the day, we'll let him off. (Incidently, following last week's 86% kicking conversion rate, this week saw a 100% rate being clocked up whilst taking a shot at the posts. Our 15 points consisted of three tries - I'll leave you to work out the equation... and who the culprit was).

Unfortunately we suffered three injuries. Firstly centre Tom Holmes dislocated his shoulder after steaming into a tackle like an exocet. His replacement, [Ian James Davis](https://www.facebook.com/ian.j.davis?fref=gs&dti=347446165466543&hc_location=group), was then hit by an almost customary pulled calf muscle, leaving back rower Chris May to cover in the centres alongside Richard Cutbill. The injury that attracted most attention however was lock [Nigel Maddaford](https://www.facebook.com/nigel.maddaford?fref=gs&dti=347446165466543&hc_location=group)'s head being accidentally assaulted by the referee's knee whilst trying to get off the ground. Fortunately I don't think there was any real harm done. Unfortunately it meant we couldn't take the p1ss out of Nigel for being knocked out by a girl. And as to reports that he looked a little pale, according to our Water Boy/ Physio, Nigel always looks that way because he is a Veggie! Anyway get well soon lads.

Oh...almost forgot. We scored a couple of other tries. You know, the ones where someone smuggles it up their jumper at the back of a maul from three yards out.

TotM: Anthony Round;
MotM: the one who had the ball smuggled up his jumper a couple of times (though the ever industrious Ben Court ran him close).

PS: due to IT issues my keyboard was unable to type out the following letters consecutively: s, i, m, o, n, w, r, i, g, h, t. Apologies.

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