

1967 Tunney cup final report

43Cdo RM 1 (Hardy), ITCRM 0

ITCRM were narrowly defeated by 43Cdo RM in the final of the United States Marine Corps Challenge Trophy. It was a hard and exciting game & 43Cdo retained the trophy with a hotly disputed goal scored in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute by Hardy.

43 Commando won the toss and gave ITCRM advantage of the wind. The Plymouth side lost right back Freer with a broken collar bone after seven minutes & Lymstone had much better of the exchanges. Their forwards Rook, Lindsay & Worgan, however, failed to score from good openings created by outside left Scott, who was their best forward. Centre half Williams & lwft half Higgins set up many chances for ITCRM but Bannerman in the Plymouth goal prevented a score.

Half-Time 43Cdo RM 0, ITCRM 0.

The depleted 43 Commando RM went all out in the second half & played very attractive football but ITCRM stood firm & their defence covered well with Allen confident in goal. Outside left Hardy scored the all-important goal & ITCRM protested strongly on the grounds of handling infringement. The referee, however, was in position to judge & after consulting the linesman, allowed the goal to stand.

Lymstone fought back very strongly & one very spirited attack resulted in Higgins being ordered off for an infringement on ITCRM goalkeeper Bannerman. Hardy (43Cdo RM goal scorer) left the field in the closing stages with a leg injury & the struggle ended with the play switching from end to end. Poor finishing in the half by their forwards brought about the defeat of ITCRM & 43Cdo RM remain Unit Champions for another year.

Full-Time 43Cdo RM 1 (Hardy), ITCRM 0.