Rugby footballers bashed by British

By Mike Murphy

While many students headed south for warmer weather over spring break, a group of 22 MIT rugby players flew to England and Wales to play a series of four games. The Hatfield Polytechnic Rugby Football Club (RFC), which visited MIT last spring, hosted the Engineers. With only two weeks of outdoor practice and one full scrimmage prior to the trip, the squad was at some disadvantage against English teams whose season started in October.

After arriving in London on March 21, the team toured some of the many historic sites and sampled their fine English bits. The next morning several Hatfield players and the MIT players left for Sherborn, a small farming town in Dorset, traveling via Stonehenge. The Engineers watched Sherborn RFC dispose of the previous day's game with Stonehenge. The Engineers

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The wear of travelling, pub touring, and three games in five days took its toll on Friday as most of the team stayed in dorms instead of going to the pub or heading to Cardiff in Wales to watch Cardiff RFC, one of the top clubs in Great Britain, take on Sunday's game. The last leg of the tour started on Saturday, when the team headed to Cardiff in Wales to watch Cardiff RFC, one of the top clubs in Great Britain, take

Lunch schedule: 1:00 pm on April 24, 25, 26, 30, and May 1.
Dinner schedule: 6:45 pm on April 25, 29, 30.
Saturday, April 26
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