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From the Chairman

This Saturday we extend a warm welcome to Cow Lane to Westcombe Park. We have had some decent battles home and away over the years and I expect this afternoon will be no different.

It is perhaps difficult to gauge form and strength of clubs in this league especially with no relegation and promotion. We certainly surprised a few with our outstanding win at Hertford two weeks ago but this will be no surprise to the coaches and players. To do well in any league it is about consistency so we have to take that win forward and build toward sustaining and gaining league position.

As we have gathered in subscriptions across all sections, I would like to thank the player sponsors who have stepped up this year some of which are mentioned in the programme. All forms of donations and sponsorship are well received by the club, and in this instance, the players. The generosity of all sponsors is an important component of the club's finances which enable us to invest in the club's facilities.

As many of you know, we 'postponed' the Dorking game as we had an outbreak of the highly contagious hand, foot and mouth. Thankfully this has cleared but we still await the outcome from RFU as to whether this game will be played on the next available Saturday or, as we postponed, we forfeit the game and Dorking get 5 points and we get minus 5 points. We have sent in our side of the story and we await a decision. This has taken time as the RFU are inundated with fixture cancellations and postponements due to a variety of reasons including Covid and lack of petrol to get to the games. We are hopeful of a positive outcome and hopeful that common sense prevails. If successful we play Dorking away on November 20th.

Lets all hope for a great game of Rugby , free from injury.

John Ball

Chairman



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From the Director of Rugby

A big welcome to Westcombe Park playing our 1st Team & Stevenage playing our 3s. The 2nd team, as we go to print, are due to play Bishop Stortford away.

What a day it was two weeks ago, playing away at Hertford, we won for the first time against our rivals. The best result in the last 20 years has been two draws! The weather as usual was miserable (in the last 15 years we have played away once in the sunshine!!), we dominated the game and the young team showed great composure and maturity. A special mention goes to the front row for a great day in the office and some great stories coming from the sledging.

During the game the Mic man was very quiet and the crowd subdued with the Tring supporters erupting as the final whistle blew. The bus trip home was celebrated very well with Goon bags and four debutants singing.

Last week was a rest week for the 1st team due to the rearranged Dorking fixture being delayed until

November 20th, as the RFU are yet to make a final decision, whilst The 2nd team played at home against Harpenden losing by a few points and leaving a few tries out there that should have been scored. The man of the match - Will Mitchell - had a Marcus Smith moment with a kick through the defence and scoring it himself.

Playing numbers across all teams remains tight and we look forward to the Colts playing senior rugby after Christmas due to them being delayed playing senior Rugby by the RFU due to a ruling launched during the Pandemic.

Today I would like to thank those people regularly standing on the gate collecting the gate donation, if you have a couple of hours spare on a Saturday please volunteer and we will buy you a pint after the game.

Mason Wallace

Mason Wallace, Director of Rugby

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From the Head Coach

Good afternoon all and a very warm welcome to all of the Westcombe Park players and spectators.

It's been a couple of weeks since the high of our last game and the massive away win at Hertford. Massive in two respects; the first being that it was of course the first time that Tring have beaten Hertford in our history on their own turf, and secondly that already in this league it seems that every victory is going to be so very important to the outcome at the end of the season. I appreciate it's early in the season but the league this year looks very evenly contested with many fixtures so far being won by the narrowest of margins across the board.

I expect today to be no different. Westcombe Park have already had their fair share of close games this season (with results not quite going their way) and have shown that they are a team that like to play and take the game to the opposition. We are the same with our style of play and I would hope therefore that today, weather permitting, it will be a good one to watch.

In the reserve week with no 1st XV fixture the 2nd XV had a good a game against Harpenden 2s where some boys really put their hands up and rightly challenged for selection. The 2s will need to show that fighting spirit again for when they travel to Bishop Stortford today, so good luck to Hickseys Rangers.

Enjoy the game today.

Giles

Giles Wallis, Head Coach









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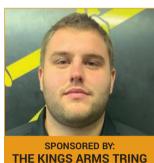


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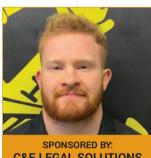


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We are a group of ex-players that love the game and are continuing through playing touch. We started 5 years ago this November, a few of us chucking a ball around in the park while our kids did early morning swim lessons. We never intended ECFB to grow like this but it's a winning recipe of touch rugby and social fun, everything we love about the game. We don't need to play other clubs, we generate our own fun and a competitive environment at every session seems to tick the boxes. We might not be able to push in the scrum or make that booming tackle, but we are not ready to hang up the boots. So many of the players have played for Tring or have kids in the juniors. We also have members who have never played the game so all welcome.

Social too?

We are really trying to get everyone to support the club and head up for 1st team games. We will be taking a few tables at pre-match lunches too in the future. Trips to Premiership matches are planned as well as our Summer Tour (of sorts), But generally we are often found in the clubhouse, pub, or the Olive Limes.

Membership?

ECFB Membership for the season is just £30 and available on the TringRugby website.

When and Where?

We play on a Saturday morning at 7:15am and will be starting a session on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm at Cow Lane.

How do we join?

We are so pleased that ECFB RUGBY, now have a proper home at Tring Rugby Club, the club many of us support, and want to see go from strength to strength. If you want to join us please contact Dolts 07718404363 or ECFBRUGBY@gmail.com

Mark

Mark Dolton

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Spotlight on: Harry McCartney

Age: 26

Height: 5' 10" Weight: 89 kgs Previous clubs?

I played for Tring all through the junior age groups and returned after university.

What is your personal goal this season??

To be top try scorer - why not!

What is your favourite rugby moment?

Doing Hertford at their place this season!

Since you first started playing who has been the most influential in helping you get to the level of rugby you play now?

Dan Batty, the best rugby brain on anyone I know

If you could attend any sporting event in the world, what would it be?

World rally cross finals.

Who is your all-time sporting hero?

Richie McCaw - remember watching him when I was a younger and remember how hyped everyone got about him, felt I wanted to be like that.

What is your proudest rugby moment?

Representing my country, the feeling of standing on the pitch just before kick off.

What's your most embarrassing rugby moment?

I had a serious concussion during a game and at the side of the pitch the female physio at the time came and started to try and remove my shorts, I didn't know what was going on so lay at the side of the pitch with her trying to rip my shorts off in front of everyone.



What makes Tring Rugby Club special?

Tring rugby has always been the family club, no matter what age people look out for each other on and off the pitch, I've never experienced it at any other club like it is at Tring.

What do you do when you are not playing or training?

Messing about with my lad - normally building or fixing something.

If you could be one of your teammates for a week who would it be and why?

No preference, anyone over 6ft - I'll take it.

How do you motivate yourself to put the hours into training?

I've been doing it so long it's routine now, but knowing your doing it for the guys and they are too is key.

Who is the best-dressed in the team?

Nick Brown, I use the term 'best' loosely but it's always interesting.







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THE SEASON SO FAR AND LOOKING AHEAD:													
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11 September	Dorking (A)		P-P	08 January	Tunbridge Wells (A)								
18 September	Tunbridge Wells (H)		24-31	15 January	Maidenhead (A)								
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16 October	Westcombe Park (H)			12 February	CS Stags 1863 (H)								
23 October	CS Stags 1863 (A)			19 February	Havant (A)								
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06 November	Sidcup (A)			12 March	Brighton (A)								
13 November	Brighton (H)			26 March	Sutton & Epsom (H)								
27 November	Sutton & Epsom (A)			02 April	Sevenoaks (A)								
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From the Youth Section

Rugby is certainly back with a vengeance! Fixtures are coming thick and fast at all levels. The Minis were away at Beaconsfield last weekend at their festival. It was a well organised affair which, due to a system of hooters indicating start and end of all matches, ran and finished on schedule. Always very much appreciated by players and parents alike!

The previous 2 weeks saw a number of matches such as U13s home v Amersham & Chiltern, and 15s v St Albans. Other fixtures included 13s v Kilburn Cosmos, 14s v OAs and 15s v Hitchin.

Recent weeks have not been without issues though as many fixtures have had to be cancelled or rearranged due to outbreaks of Covid in club squads. This has been further complicated by the fuel shortages and teams simply not being able to travel. Hopefully and vaccinations continue across younger groups and fuel deliveries stabilise these problems will ease.

Tring finally ran its City Lunch having been cancelled last year with Simon Shaw as the guest speaker. Whilst numbers were lower due to a reluctance to travel into London the day was still a great success. Huge thanks to Rob Bray for his tenacity in pulling that all together at a difficult time.

This weekend our Minis will be home training and working on all the things they have learned at the tournament last week.

The Under 14s will host Letchworth at Cow Lane this Sunday, followed by our Colts versus Bishops Stortford.

The upgraded training lights are a huge improvement as the evenings close in and are allowing everyone more space at midweek training. Improvements are also in progress to the clubhouse with new LED lighting and decoration giving the bar a well deserved facelift.

We look forward to a busy weekend at Cow Lane!

Jonathan

Jonathan Westcott, TringRugby Youth Section





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