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From the Chairman

A big Tring welcome to Maidenhead. It's good to be playing rugby as we know it but during lockdowns etc., we joined up with Maidenhead to have several touch tournaments which were welcomed by the players (mainly backs) and spectators alike. This was a very useful outlet for everyone concerned with our respective clubs.

Tring and our visitors are two of four winless teams in the league although we scored 4 v tries to Tunbridge's two tries, we get a point and Tunbridge get the win points. We are a young team with bags of potential and the time to peak is this time next year. Saying that everyone wants to win and Tring are no different.

There maybe a few sore heads today after our City lunch yesterday. The lunch raises important funds for the club and goes to help the budgets of the 3 playing sections. Another important fundraiser is membership, remember this anyone? It happens at golf clubs and gyms and we are no different.

Thank you to those who have signed up, especially the VPs , who don't use the facilities as much as the players, but contribute to the club membership funds and contribute over the bar.

As you can tell we have some way to go to get everyone signed up. Please don't wait until Nick Turner, Jon Westcott or Mason Wallace ask you to become a member of the club you play for.

Lastly, a big thank you to Rob Bray. He has endured many a sleepless night organising yesterday's fundraiser. It's not been easy with apathy to go to London, the Tuesday, Wednesday And Thursdays workers not liking Fridays in London, making it more difficult to attract the crowd we had last time. Great effort Rob and the club thanks you.

John Ball

Chairman



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From the Director of Rugby

A big welcome to both Maidenhead and Epping to Cow Lane today.

Today we have two home games with the 1st team playing Maidenhead and the 3s playing Epping 2s. Our 2nd team are playing away at Hertford against their 2s.

Last week we saw the 3s drawing away and the 1s & 2s losing at home. A big week of training has followed, with many players doing extras to ensure we get the right results this week.

I would like to report on player numbers once again. Whilst we managed to field 3 teams last week, a couple of injuries has once again meant many calls for Hicksy and Dan Bon chasing players, etc. Please, if you fancy playing again, get some boots and contact us. Play every week or monthly, it's up to you, just come and join us.

Congratulations to the Colts who continue their winning streak. Due to the RFU rules, we will not see these lads playing senior rugby until the new year, but I look forward to this time as there is a lot of talent in this group.

Next weeks' fixtures:

1st team travel to Hertford.

2nd team no fixture going to print.

3rd team travel to Hitchin.

Mason Wallace

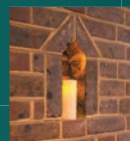
Mason Wallace, Director of Rugby

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From the Head Coach

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

It definitely took a day or two to try and get over last week's disappointing result against Tunbridge Wells. A game where we were our own worst enemies with our ill-discipline, didn't take the many chances that we had worked very hard to be in position for and then nearly snatched a draw at the death, only to be denied (potentially unjustly...). Sometimes we come off of the pitch saying 'we were the better team' and 'we were robbed' etc etc, but if we are honest with ourselves, we were only fighting for a draw and that's probably all we deserved.

Forward a couple of days, when the dust has settled and the emotion of the moment has abated, it comes to the analysis of the game. This is a double edged sword; win and everything seems ok (even the poor stuff you look at with a different mind-set). Lose and its one of the worst parts of being a coach, having to sit through the game knowing that the outcome is not what you wanted but knowing it will make you better - hopefully! However, this week we have all worked really hard off of the pitch, with player input, to look at the areas where we could improve and lots and lots of positives came out of it; for example the way that the boys fought to get within seven points and to score four try's. Those extra points are very welcome at the start of the season!

Along with our attention to the details off of the pitch, we have had an excellent week of focussed training. Add into the mix a few tinkers with the starting line up and I am hoping we will get our league campaign off the ground and get a win.

The 2nd XV also have an excellent side out today and it is always pleasing to get feedback from

Hicksy about the boys who are playing well and pushing for selection. Indeed, Ollie Beeny was MOM last week and this week he makes his long overdue 1st XV debut, playing alongside his brother who today I believe hit 138 appearances! If Ollie gets that many then believe me the 1st XV will be in a good place for many years to come.

Best of luck to both teams.

Giles

Giles Wallis, Head Coach



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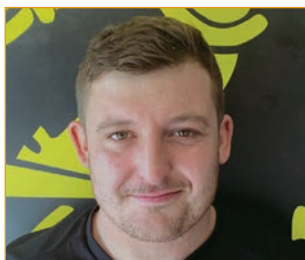
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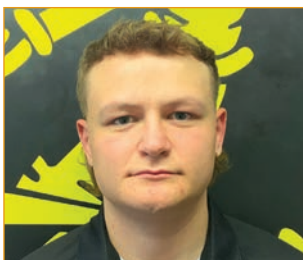
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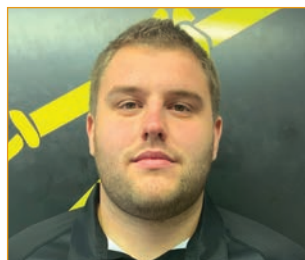
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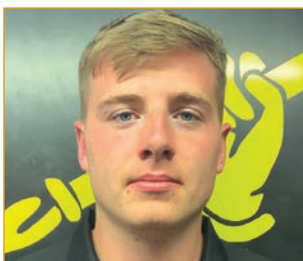
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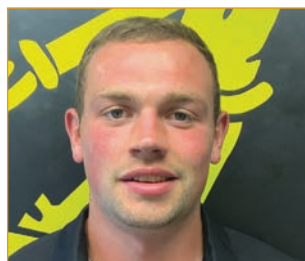
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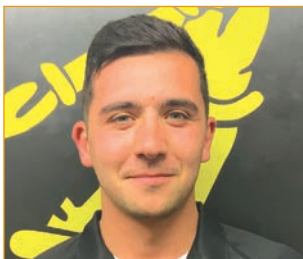
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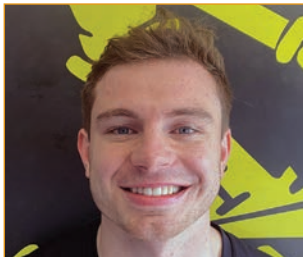
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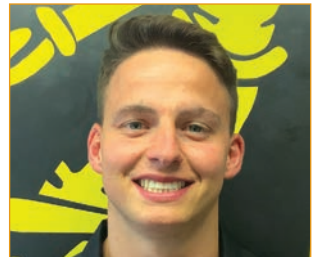
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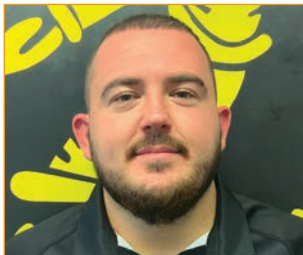
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From the Youth Section

I was asked by the Club Treasurer if I could write an article for Tring Ranger as the Minis Chair so, knowing that Hugh loves numbers, I thought I would excite him with a few: 10, 43, 366+, 31, and c.2000.

So what do these numbers mean?

10 first team squad picked to play Tunbridge Wells who have come through the minis section at TringRugby.

43 coaches in the minis section, with experience ranging from people who have never played to semi professionals who have lived and breathed the game for years. ALL of them give their time for nothing, are qualified and fully supported by TringRugby and give up their Sundays every week.

366+ players who come on Sundays from 9am and range in ages from 3 to 12.

31 weekends (excluding tour) we will play rugby.

c.2000 hours of structured rugby where we coach TREDs - Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship.

These numbers make me proud and honoured to be the Minis Chair, as I know that today's minis will be tomorrow's Tring first team. A strong minis programme ensures TringRugby produces great rugby players who exemplify TREDs.

My role is to continue this tradition, knowing that I am playing only a small part in a long history following the hard work of previous Minis chairs.

We are always looking for more players and volunteers. Players trial us, not the other way round, as everyone gets a game. Volunteers - you only need to be willing and able to function at 9am on a Sunday morning!

Hugh - I hope you like these numbers.

Nick

Nick Turner, TringRugby Minis Chairman



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04 September	Wimbledon (H)	L	22-50	18 December	Dorking (H)
11 September	Dorking (A)	P	P-P	08 January	Tunbridge Wells (A)
18 September	Tunbridge Wells (H)	L	24-31	15 January	Maidenhead (A)
25 September	Maidenhead (H)			22 January	Hertford (H)
02 October	Hertford (A)			29 January	Westcombe Park (A)
16 October	Westcombe Park			12 February	CS Stags 1863 (H)
23 October	CS Stags 1863 (A)			19 February	Havant (A)
30 October	Havant (H)			05 March	Sidcup (H)
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)
04 December	Sevenoaks (H)			09 April	North Walsham (H)
11 December	North Walsham (A)			23 April	Wimberdon (A)

Pos	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	HF	AF	Pts
1	 Havant	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	78	17	13
2	 Wimbledon	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	29	67	12
3	 Hertford	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	45	17	11
4	 Dorking	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	33	43	10
5	 North Walsham	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	14	70	10
6	 Sidcup	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	32	52	10
7	 Sevenoaks	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	17	48	9
8	 Brighton	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	15	80	6
9	 Westcombe Park	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	57	8	5
10	 Tunbridge Wells	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	27	42	4
11	 Tring	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	46	0	2
12	 Sutton & Epsom	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	31	1
13	 Maidenhead	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	41	7	1
14	 CS Stags 1863	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	55	0	-4



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Spotlight on: Rory Hardman

Age: 25

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 89 kgs

Previous clubs?

Durham University, England Sevens, GB Student Sevens, Chester, Cald, Cheshire, Old Albanians.

How did you become a Tring Ranger?

I moved down from the North West, played for OAs for a short while. But Olley OG showed me the light at Cow Lane.

What is your personal goal this season??

Continue to develop my rugby whilst balancing busy shift work.

What is your favourite rugby moment?

Playing at Twickenham in the Counties final.

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

Dad – coached me as a mini, and drove me up and down the country chasing the egg.

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

Olympics 100m Final.

Who is your all-time sporting hero?

Brian O'Driscoll.

What is your proudest rugby moment?

Watching Ollie Green sprint 60m against Tunbridge without his hamstring packing in.

What's your most embarrassing rugby moment?

Realizing I don't fit in size Medium shorts anymore.



What makes Tring Rugby Club special?

Group of lads who are genuinely good mates and want to push their rugby on the pitch. You also can't forget the amazing support the boys get from the supporters.

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

Can usually find me cleaning up the streets of Watford .

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

Nick Brown – I just wouldn't stop singing.

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

The fear of being put in the forwards if I get too heavy .

Who is the best-dressed in the team?

Ben Criddle looked pretty good in his golf gear last weekend.



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