



TringRugby

Tring in Derby Day Delight Against Hertford

Tring 20-7 Hertford

Tring welcomed Hertford to Cow Lane on Saturday, in what would be a very important game for both sides. The home side made three changes to the starting XV, with Jack Flanagan returning in the front row, George Hayes starting at 6 and Oliver Green selected on the wing after a long period of injury.

There were also new additions to the bench, with Cullen Murfitt and Lawry Tauasosi looking to make their first appearances of the season.

It would be the first time Cow Lane had hosted the 1st XV since April and the crowd was buzzing with excitement for the derby match. There was a minute silence held prior to kick off for Neil Fischer, a former Ranger and 1st XV player who sadly died during the week.

Tring controlled possession early in the first half with Hertford scrambling clear their lines on multiple occasions. The pressure would culminate in Ben Hogan kicking a penalty goal to give the home side the first points of the game (3-0).

Hertford battled back with territory of their own deep inside the Tring half, however this would be to no avail due to excellent defence from the hosts. Eventually, scrum-half Richard Beeny and Hogan were able to exploit Hertford's blind side, releasing winger Ted Stanford to break into the opposition 22m. Harry McCartney was on hand for the quick ruck ball, carving through the Hertford defence to score the first try of the afternoon. Hogan converted to leave the score 10-0.

Tring's indiscipline would allow the visitors back into the game as Hertford scored through a driving maul shortly before half time. The score 10-7.



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Tring were under pressure straight from the kick off and were forced into another monumental defensive effort. Outstanding team defence saw Hertford come away with no further score. Tring applied pressure of their own with a strong break from Tauasosi and a wonderful effort in the scrum, overpowering Hertford and winning a crucial penalty. From the half wayline, Hogan added 3 points to extend Tring's lead (13-7).

The home side's scrum would continue to be dominant, winning penalties and field position. After a huge maul effort and tight carries by the pack deep in Hertford's 22m, Hayes crashed over the line to all but secure the win for Tring. Hogan successfully converting (20-7).

A fantastic result for Tring in the local derby. They now sit 2nd in the Regional 1 South East league table and travel to CS Stags on Friday night.

Final score: 20-7.

Tries : McCartney, Hayes

Cons: Hogan (2)

Pens: Hogan (2)

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