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From the Chairman

This Saturday we welcome Havant RFC to Cow Lane. I don't recall too many fixtures, if any, between us so I will need a 'statto' to help me out.

Last week was an eventful game at CS Rugby, the club formerly known as Civil Service. Whilst we came out on top, it was not the greatest of games. We have now won 4 games on the trot but last week was different. CS Rugby had struggled in their previous fixtures in this league including a 70 odd nil hammering. In the side to face us last Saturday, just 3 players remained from the team that lost 70-0. CS managed to get a whole new squad for our game, pinching some of the better players from nearby clubs and 2nd team players from the likes of Rosslyn Park. This improved CS Rugby. We have injuries and fielded an even younger side and giving a well-deserved debut to colt Ollie Ayres. Our young 2nd row, George Carter, then received a red for a tip tackle 10 minutes into the 2nd half. It wasn't malicious but it did leave the ref with no choice. So to see out the game and win by a point was a magnificent effort.

Injuries and unavailability often puts a strain on the lower sides with players moving up and given a chance in the higher sides. This made the effort from the 2s last week awesome. They were forced to play with a bare 15 and then injuries put them down to 13. They went down 31-21 to a strong OAs side. I am sure this happens to most clubs throughout the season but this gives opportunities to 2s and 3s players to play in a higher side. Pushing players and especially young players up the sides is a very satisfying exercise. I remember many 3s players from a few years back who did exactly that and moved into the 2s when they were needed. Two weeks later they were in the 1s and



didn't move from the 1s squad for at least 10 years. The pathway is there.

Lastly, from me. I type this on Monday but by Wednesday we will have submitted our appeal to the RFU for postponing the Dorking game. We will not be holding back on all issues of this farcical situation. Through no fault of our own we have been deducted 5 points, 5 points from the postponed game go to Dorking and we have been ordered to play the home fixture v Dorking away at their place. It just shows that if you do the right thing for the welfare of clubs, families and players it is not always rewarded.

Lets hope for a good game to today with no injuries

John Ball

Chairman



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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

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From the Head Coach

Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to the Havant players and spectators to Cow Lane.

After the blistering start against Westcombe Park two weeks ago and the subsequent close victory, I was really hoping that we had kicked on as a team and were going to string an attacking performance together against CS Stags last Saturday.

Unfortunately that wasn't to be and it was a frustrating afternoon down by the Thames for us, although we did just manage to sneak over the line and keep our winning run going! This is very pleasing as our young side are showing real grit and determination to grind out these victories and any victory in this league is important, especially so the away games.

Credit should be given to CS Stags however who were thumped by Dorking the week before, and having watched the match footage of Havant v Dorking, which Dorking narrowly won 20-19, it is clear that today will be a massive test for us.

That said we go into the game with the confidence that victories bring and although at the time of writing we are waiting on a few injury concerns, I am confident that should we need to make some changes, whoever comes in to our side will be more than ready for the challenge.

Enjoy the game today.

Giles

Giles Wallis, Head Coach

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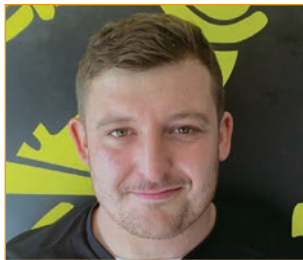
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TringRugby 1st TEAM LINE UP



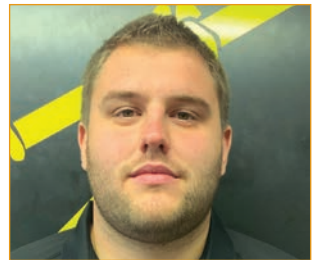
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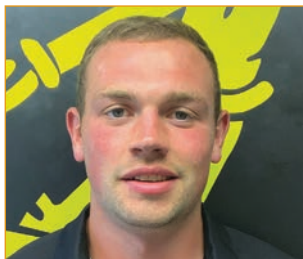
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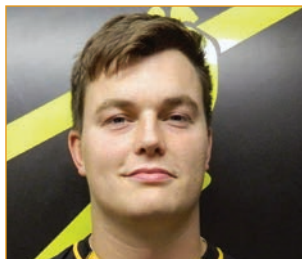
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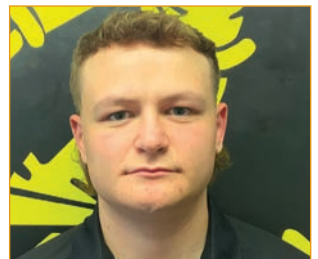
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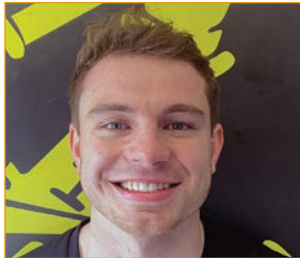
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From the Youth Section

More positive rugby coming from the M&Js and plenty of inter-club events with trips to Old Albanians and Chinnor in the diary before Christmas and Harpenden coming to us.

The other really exciting news coming out of the Juniors is that Ben Westcott has been selected in to the Saracens Academy. Congratulations from us all Ben and the best of luck. This is a great reflection on the standard of rugby at Tring in the younger age groups, a number of who got a taste of rugby and training with the Seniors in the Ready 4 Rugby sessions we ran, but also a very keen and supportive rugby family. Dad, Jon, grinning broadly with son Louis at our lunch today on the Under 11s Dads & Lads table.

A number of the M&Js coaches took part in an Emergency First Aid training course, 6 hours' worth!, demonstrating the importance we put on the health and safety of our youngsters but also the commitment of our volunteers and parents. Perhaps even more importantly, we will be running a course as soon as possible in the use of the **Defibrillator**. The ability to use this piece of kit anywhere in the world is lifesaving, and unfortunately has had to be used at rugby clubs this season. If ANY of our membership would like to attend we urge you to do so, you could save a life here or anywhere you happen to be. Contact nick.r.turner@gmail.com to register your interest, or any of the Committee.

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)	W	27-18	22 January	Hertford (H)
02 October	Hertford (A)	W	5-12	29 January	Westcombe Park (A)
16 October	Westcombe Park (H)	W	37-31	12 February	CS Stags 1863 (H)
23 October	CS Stags 1863 (A)	W	15-16	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	Wimbledon (A)

Pos	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	HF	AF	F	A	Diff	TB	LB	Adj	Pts
1	 Wimbledon	7	3	0	0	3	1	0	6	1	0	94	160	254	119	135	5	0	5	31
2	 Dorking	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	0	140	88	228	74	154	5	0	5	29
3	 Sevenoaks	7	3	0	0	3	0	1	6	0	1	89	136	225	80	145	4	0	4	28
4	 North Walsham	7	2	0	1	3	0	1	5	0	2	82	129	211	116	95	4	1	5	25
5	 Hertford	7	2	1	1	2	0	1	4	1	2	67	82	149	128	21	2	1	3	21
6	 Havant	7	3	0	1	1	0	2	4	0	3	117	43	160	109	51	1	2	3	19
7	 Brighton	7	1	0	2	2	0	2	3	0	4	29	119	148	211	-63	2	1	3	15
8	 Tring	6	2	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	2	110	28	138	150	-12	2	1	-2	14
9	 Westcombe Park	7	2	0	2	0	0	3	2	0	5	109	67	176	210	-34	4	1	5	13
10	 Sutton & Epsom	7	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	1	4	41	55	96	153	-57	1	1	2	13
11	 Sidcup	7	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	1	4	46	100	146	250	-104	3	0	3	13
12	 Tunbridge Wells	7	0	0	3	1	0	3	1	0	6	71	60	131	183	-52	1	2	3	7
13	 Maidenhead	7	1	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	6	86	38	124	226	-102	1	1	2	6
14	 CS Stags 1863	7	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	7	89	14	103	280	-177	1	1	-3	-3



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Spotlight on: George Carter (a.k.a Wasp)

Age: 23

Height: 6' 3"

Weight: 102 kgs

How did you become a Tring Ranger?

A phone call from Jelski after my last Herts U20's season - never looked back.

What is your personal goal this season??

To not be stung by a wasp mid game.

What is your favourite rugby moment?

Beating Tonbridge away at Allianz Park after they just won the Champions Trophy.

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

Olly OG - always looked up to him at school.

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

Australian Grand Prix.

Who is your all-time sporting hero?

Maro Itoje.

What is your proudest rugby moment?

Getting stung by a wasp in the middle of a scrum.

What's your most embarrassing rugby moment?

Having to explain to the team that I am allergic to wasps.

What makes Tring Rugby Club special?

The dedicated familiar faces on and off the field.

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

Usually on wasp patrol looking for nests in the back yard in my hazmat suit.



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

Eddie Harrison - the bigger second row.

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

To make sure I keep up with the good rigs amongst the forwards.

Who is the best-dressed in the team?

Jack Flanagan - leggings, shorts, beanie and sandals after training, never seen before..



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