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THE LATEST FROM COW LANE SPORTS DESK...

LOOKING BACK:

TRING RUGBY v Chingford : Saturday 11th March

Tring's first defeat of the season was not a match that they lost; they were beaten on the day by a team who were better in most, if not all, aspects of the game. Tring will look at the injuries to Radley in the first half and Newton, in the second, as being factors in the loss but to focus on them and call them game changers would be a huge disservice to Chingford who worked their socks off to earn a deserved win.

LOOKING FORWARD:

TRING MINI RANGERS TIKI TOUR : 7th – 10th April

After three great tours to Minehead we have moved things a little closer to home for 2017, heading to the seaside resort of Kings; Bognor Regis! Butlins is once again the venue and ESF the tournament organisers so we can expect the same great levels of accommodation, food and rugby as we have had in Somerset.

HERTS PRESIDENT'S CUP FINAL : Sunday 30th April

The players and coaching staff would like to invite you to Allianz Park on the 30th April at 4pm to see Tring (2's) play Bishops Stortford Blues (2's) in the grand final on the hallowed Saracens 4G pitch.

CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

Many of you will be aware that over the last year a redevelopment team have put in a great amount of time and effort to work up a proposal for the construction of a new clubhouse. The plans also include for refurbishment of the existing clubhouse and improvement works to all of the playing areas, including enhanced floodlighting. We also plan to change the angle of the main pitch to achieve a much larger car park.

We intend to submit a planning application in the next few weeks and are fairly confident that this will be successful. This will then provide us with something firm to engage and discuss with you, the members, especially the finer details of refurbishment, usage, finishes and decor. The goal of the team is to achieve a redevelopment with up to date facilities that are fit for purpose for the benefit of all members, young and old, and for the long term future of our Club.

This is a hugely exciting step for the club and I very much look forward to your positive engagement in helping us maximise the opportunity for the benefit of all members of Tring Rugby FC. – **Steve Hayes, Club Chairman**



03 WELCOME TO TRINGRUGBY



We welcome Fullers to Cow Lane this afternoon who have won their last three games and the reverse fixture at the beginning of the season was no walk in the park so anything other than our A game and we could be in for a shock.

The top three in the table, with three matches to go, is looking very interesting as we play Brentwood (who are hot on our heels) next week and the last game of the season for Brentwood is against the current third placed team, Chingford, which could end up as a play off to get to the play off for promotion.

Hats off to Dan Bon who has marshalled the 2s into a strong winning side this season, culminating in us being in the Final of the Herts Presidents cup against Bishop Stortford Blues at Allianz Park at 4pm on the 30th April and in the semi final of the Merit table 1 competition.

Our colts are also finishing the season strongly and are in the Semi final of the LV cup V Woodbridge away on the 9th (there will be a coach going for any supporters) and two Sundays ago they beat Harpenden who were on a 14 league and cup match winning streak, according to the coaches it was their most mature game of the season, which may have had something to do with a joint training session the Thursday before, with the senior squad. More sessions like this and we will get more unity between these two squads in our club.

The season for the 3s is slowing down but a few of us are going to get our heads together about what we can do to try and get 4 teams out more than twice next season (which is what we did this year). If anyone out there has any ideas then please let me know and even offer help in rousing the troops during the week for weekend fixtures, its our club and the more people helping the more will get done. I have been part of a working party in Herts looking at the overall drop off of teams/payers and cancellations and we are looking at inventive ways of getting folk back into the game which will also help with the above.

Our end of season awards dinner is on the 5th May with Martin Bayfield as MC, places are by booking and paying ahead (at the bar) as we expect this to be a sell out, so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Come on you Tring Boys!

Mike Ward, Director of Rugby,
TringRugby



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05 COACH'S NOTES



Today we welcome our very good friends from Fullarians to Cow lane. Not only do I have a strong bond with some of the players down at 'Fullers' having either worked with them or even taught them but the head coach Rich and I used to run out together in our younger (and lighter!) years when we can say "we used to be good!". The club Chairman/Administrator/Physio, Kevin was also the county physio for many moons so there are a few of us here today that have been rubbed by those 'Dr Death' hands a few times and put back together – in fact Kev still regularly puts me back together in my retirement now!

Fullers have had a great season so far. They have consolidated their position in London 1 after a few years of rapid promotions and we know from the away game earlier in the season that they play a very strong brand of rugby, with a solid pack and exciting young players out wide. Their recent form has also been impressive with 3 out of 4 wins,

leapfrogging themselves above other good form teams such as Old Priorians and Letchworth. We know that they will be coming with a game plan to break us down, have the players to do it and so this is a game that 100% concentration will be needed.

As for us it was great to get back on the horse this week with an impressive win away to Ruislip. It's never easy to go there and get a result (just look at last year and how we slipped up there) but the boys applied themselves excellently and there were some outstanding performances mixed in with some excellent individual and team try's. After the slip against Chingford we have worked hard to tweak the areas that didn't fire on the day and I was pleased to see them nearly come together last week. The plan is to not panic, keep cool heads, do our jobs as individuals, take one game at a time, and then be in a position to win every game at the end. One at a time.

I hope you enjoy the game and good luck to our second team who travel over to Ampthill for their last league game in their championship winning campaign. Everyone remember to put Sunday April 30th in the diary where we will be playing in the final of the County 'Kirk' Cup at the Allianz park against Bishop Stortford 2's. Lots of support would be very welcome.

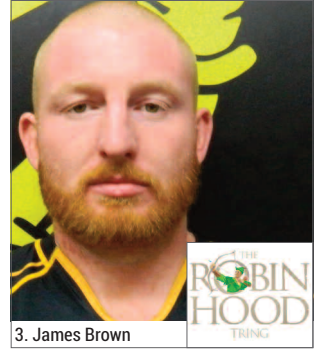
Giles Wallis, Head Coach,
TringRugby



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06 TEAM LINE UP



Fullerians line up:

Not available at time of going to press.



Tring Rugby

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11. Samuel Barnes



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12. Liam Chennells (C)



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09 PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



Player: Justin Brown
Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 91kg
Born: 15/01/1986

Which team do you look forward to playing the most and why?

Looking forward to beating Brentwood away

What is your personal aim this season?

To win the last three games

Favourite food?

KFC

Favourite movie?

Elf

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

The world LARPing championships

How did you become a Tring Ranger?

Non stop badgering from my brother Jamie

Favourite rugby moment?

Scoring what will be voted the best try of the season against Eton Manor at home.

#prayforjustin

Most embarrassing moment on a rugby field?

Dorking away. Flying backwards in the scrums whilst having "get some" shouted at you

Growing up, who was your all-time favourite rugby player?

Keith Wood

What is your favourite quote/saying?

"Give me the ball and I'll score" - Liam Chennells

"Fend, try" - Sam Barnes

"Bastaaaaa" - Mike March

If you could be another player/coach for a week who would it be and why?

It would have to be Potter. Just to see if anything goes on in that brain

Who is the funniest team mate?

Harry Mongo Green

Who is the best dressed in the squad?

OG. Numerous genuine fake Rolph Lauraine shirts

Who is the worst dressed in the squad?

Nick Radley. Always ready for a day's work



10 MINIS & JUNIORS



We certainly have had a very busy time over recent weeks, particularly in the Minis!

At the Tring Rugby Mini Festival on the 19th hosted around 80 teams and 700 players. The whole event ran without a hitch due to the impeccable organisation of Mr Firth. Thanks also to our U16's for managing the car parking, Sandra and her catering team, Nigel and his First Aiders and Muddy for sorting facilities and pitches.

For the first time the U9s had three teams at our Festival – 25 players in total and given it was an A&B tournament the play was fantastic with players keeping in channels both in attack and defence.

Last Sunday our Tring U15's had a strong home win v Saracens 23 – 7. Two U13 squads travelled to Ealing Trailfinders and played magnificently on their 3G AGP. Both teams moving the ball well and scoring well worked tries. The B's in particular being in rude form.

Two U8 teams qualified for the Saracens Core Values Festival. Both teams finished top of their pools based on 'Values' displayed in the games rather than scores - great result and shows us up very well against the other clubs in the region!

Well done to all of our children for the way they played throughout the day, and the great support at the touchline. The way that Tring U8s play, and the atmosphere at the club, is often commented on by other teams (coaches and parents alike, home and away). Repeatedly coming top of our groups in this type of festival goes to prove this.

Thanks and well done to the coaches for getting the kids to focus on the things that matter.

The Mini's County Contact Festival was split between Barnet(U9 & U10) and Harpenden(U11 & U12). Our teams all had good outings and enjoyed the opportunity to play teams from across the county.

U9's took a Lions and Tigers team to the counties at Barnet. The sun shone and the team built on the success of the Tring festival with some fine tries and some game winning tackles. The under 10 age group entered 2 teams into what was a well-organized event. The tournament was played in great spirit across the different pools with the kids enjoying a cracking time throughout the day. We played some great rugby and both teams ran out winners in the majority of their matches. TringRugby fielded 3 teams in the U11 competition





and all three teams put in hugely creditable performances. Too many to mention however our Leopards team, led by Luca H and featuring a large number of players new to rugby this season had an outstanding day showing their growing confidence.

Many thanks to all the coaches for preparing our teams so well for all the festivals, and to all our fabulous parents who give such great support every weekend!

Jonathan Westcott,
TringRugby Minis & Juniors

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