

Tring Leave it Late in Victory at Sidcup



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Sidcup 29 – 30 Tring by Ted Stanford

Tring returned to action this at Sidcup on Saturday, looking to get back to winning ways after a rest week. With the forward pack unchanged from the loss to Westcombe Park two weeks prior, there was one change in the backline, with Ben Beaumont returning to the side at fullback. There were two debutants on the bench for Tring in the form of Bradly Louisale and Jack Brooks. There was also a welcome return to the 1st team for Zac Michalski after injury, winning his 50th cap for the club. The ever-present Richard Beeny was selected at scrum half, his final game before surgery on a long-term injury. Good luck, Beeny!

It was a slow start to the game for Tring, who struggled to get the long bus journey out of their legs. Sidcup quickly established a 6-0 lead after 10 minutes. The visitors hit back soon after however, after a good period building phases in the Sidcup half. An excellent step and offload from fly-half Cullen Murfitt saw Beaumont touch down under the posts (6-7). Tring continued to build pressure, eventually leading to a well worked break down the wing from Beaumont and Harry McCartney. The phase ended in a penalty to the visitors, which Murfitt converted (6-10). Sidcup converted their own penalty goal minutes later (9-10). Shortly before half time, a strong carry from Jack Flanagan led to another penalty for Tring, this time under the posts. With the final play of the half, Murfitt converted again to give the visitors a 9-13 lead at the break.

It was a gritty start to the second half for both teams, with the elements now in Sidcup's favour. Tring showed excellent patience on the ball using good handling and carrying to break into the Sidcup 22m.

With pressure building, Brooks offloaded through contact to George Carter, who took advantage of a fortunate bounce to score for Tring. Murfitt was successful with the conversion (9-20). 5 minutes later, Sidcup began to apply pressure of their own, taking advantage of Tring's mistakes to score twice in quick succession (23-20). This was then followed by two penalty goals for the home side as Tring struggled to get a hold on the game (29-20).

With 9 minutes remaining, Tring were awarded a penalty in the Sidcup half. With Murfitt now off the field, Ted Stanford converted the penalty kick (29-23), setting up a tense finish to the match. With seconds remaining on the clock, and Tring having just been held up over the try line, captain Oliver O'Gorman showed outstanding composure and skill to win a penalty for his side. With the decision made to take the penalty quickly, the ball was moved down the backline to Charlie Goss-Lambourne, who dived over for the score. With the clock in the red, Stanford converted to give Tring the narrowest of victories, 29-30.

Tring now turn their attention to the clash with Sudbury this week (22nd) as they return to Cow Lane.

Tries: Beaumont
Goss-Lambourne
Carter



Cons: Murfitt (3)
Stanford



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Pens: Murfitt (2)
Stanford (2)



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