



**TringRugby**

# Murfitt Kicks Tring to Late Victory

## CS Stags 11- 13 Tring

**Last minute penalty seals Friday night victory over CS Stags at Chiswick**

Tring travelled to Chiswick RUFC on Friday night to face CS Stags, with both sides in good form early in the season. Tring made changes to the side that beat Hertford the previous week, with the return of summer acquisition Jacob Murtagh in the back row. Cullen Murfitt, another of Tring's new signings, was given his first start at 10, with Rory Hardman returning on the wing. The weather was cloudy but dry and excitement was in the air for a match under the lights.

Tring started well with early possession, building phases through strong carries and poor Stags discipline. Despite a scrappy start from both teams, it was the home side who opened the scoring from close range (5-0). Stags would increase their lead minutes later with a penalty goal (8-0). Conceding early was the wake-up call that Tring needed. The away side began to gain some dominance at set piece and fought their way up the field. More poor discipline from Stag's front row, a good line out and a strong carry from Harry McCartney led to a Tring penalty deep in the Stag's half. After the resulting dominant maul, the referee awarded the visitors a penalty try (8-7). Tring would take the lead through a Murfitt penalty goal minutes later (8-10). Shortly before half time, Stags kicked another penalty goal to leave the score 11-10 at the break.



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It was a similarly scrappy start to the second half, with both teams trading kicks in a battle for territory. Tring showed excellent grit and determination in defence, repeatedly repelling the Stag's attack. Eventually, the visitors gained some territory of their own. Another excellent line out led to a dominant carry in midfield from captain Oliver O'Gorman and a penalty to Tring. With seconds remaining on the clock, Murfitt successfully converted the penalty goal from the 10m line to give Tring a fantastic victory.

Final score: 11-13

Tries: pen

Pens\_ Murfitt (2)

Tring return to Cow Lane next Saturday (1st) in a top of the table clash against Westcombe Park.

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