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Tring Rugby v Tunbridge Wells



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From the Chairman

Welcome to Tunbridge Wells for our 2nd game of the season and Tunbridge Wells' 3rd game

We had the unprecedented incident last week where we had to 'postpone' our visit to Dorking as we had an outbreak of hand, foot and mouth. Not life threatening but highly contagious and very unpleasant.

Whilst the RFU originally deducted us 5 points, gave 5 points to Dorking and ordered the reverse fixture to be also played at Dorking, upon appeal it is now down as a postponement to be played on Saturday October 9th. If we lose the appeal, the

RFU will revert to their original decision. Who'd have thought we would have to postpone a game for communicable disease!

There is no promotion or relegation this season. We hope that common sense prevails and we are able to visit Dorking on October 9th.

For today, let's hope there is an outbreak of Rugby to enjoy

John Ball

Chairman



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From the Director of Rugby

A welcome back to Cow Lane to Tunbridge Wells and Ampthill for today's games.

The 2s start their league campaign today with a 2.30pm kick off, please support them before the main event at 3pm. The 3rd team are away at Hendon for their first league game.

A well done to the Colts and the 3s who both won away to Amersham & Chiltern last weekend.

Many of you will be aware the 1st team game verses Dorking last week was cancelled, we felt it necessary due to player welfare with an outbreak of Hand, Foot and Mouth. We have been fined 5 points by the league but are contesting this decision, many thanks to those involved.

To all those reading today's match programme, a reminder the club is a members only club and all subscriptions go to the running of the club, please

support the club and pay your fees, this can be done through the shop, bar and on the club website.

A big thanks to those businesses that have come forward to sponsor senior players, if you are interested in sponsoring a player please speak to JB, Rob or myself.

A tough 1st game of the season against Wimbledon 2 weeks ago and we give our best wishes to a recovering Harry (The Mong) Green who under went an operation to insert 2 pins in his ankle, we hope to see you back on the pitch this season.

Enjoy the games today.

Mason Wallace

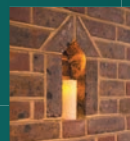
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From the Head Coach

Good afternoon all and a very warm welcome to all of the Tunbridge Wells players and spectators.

Well what a week this has been. I think it's safe to say that it's been one of the strangest since I took the helm here at Tring! Ultimately, we unfortunately didn't play our game last Saturday against Dorking but with the subsequent league decision being appealed by us It would not be wise to comment more on here today, suffice to say I hope that we can get our fixture against Dorking re-scheduled for the first available reserve weekend.

With preparation also being somewhat hindered this week (training only once on Thursday) it comes down to us today to pull on all of our reserves from pre-season, our experience from past campaigns of our extended stay at Level 5 and go out there against an always strong Tunbridge Wells side and show our metal.

We have been working hard off of the pitch this week, asking the boys to do their own individual sessions and detailed analysis. This is on the back of our new camera system called 'VEO' which uses A.I. for ball tracking. So when you see a camera on top of a very long pole by the side of the pitch today, you'll know what it is. It's all very confusing to a technophobe like me but my thanks go to Paul Jelski for his wizardry with all of this!

Anyway, traditionally this fixture (home or away) has always been a really closely fought battle and I expect today to be no different. Let's hope we can bring our A-Game and get our first win of the season.

Enjoy the game.

Giles

Giles Wallis, Head Coach



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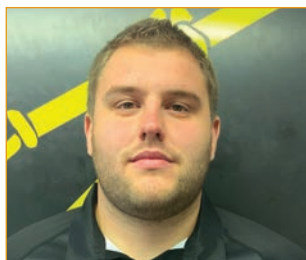
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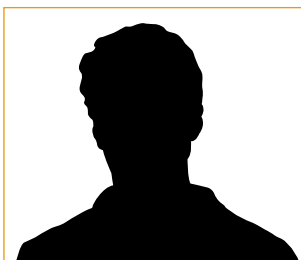
Jamie Robbins Master Bricklayer

TringRugby 1st TEAM LINE UP



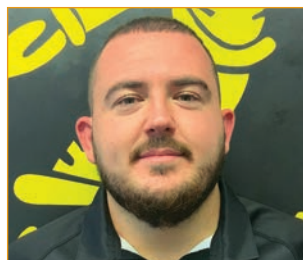
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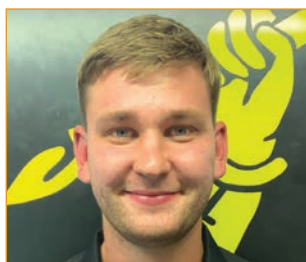
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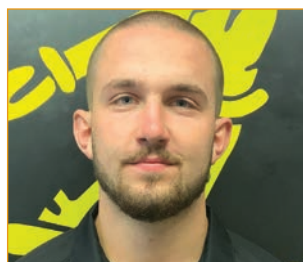
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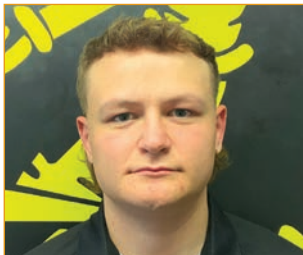
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From the Youth Section

It is with great delight that I have the task of writing an update for the Youth section at TringRugby for this week's Ranger. This is sometimes quite an onerous task however on this occasion it is a delight as we are finally playing some rugby. We have been looking forward to playing some real rugby for so long it's hard to believe it's even happening!

Faced with the initial closedown of rugby last year we tasked ourselves to setup as best we could to deal with the restart as and when that might happen. We were given a track to follow by the RFU with strict safety guidelines around Covid. This 'Return To Rugby' process started with a handful of players spread out on half a pitch with no sharing of equipment. Try planning an engaging session for kids...

Under the guidance of the TringRugby Covid team lead by Nick Turner we set the standard for Hertfordshire in managing players, visitors, facilities etc. Nick in his own enigmatic way forged relationships with Council staff, local police and RFU to project Tring as a trailblazer in how to manage what was a tremendously difficult and challenging situation.

We are so proud of how our players, parents and coaches embraced these restrictions without complaint. Even in the earlier highly restrictive times we still saw good numbers of players turning out for fitness training and parents following strict distancing and sanitisation.

As things opened up and the RFU allowed various forms of touch rugby including 'Ready4Rugby' (a new format introduced at the time) training became slightly easier with the possibility of these non-contact games. Contact still seemed a long way off.

What turned out to be one of the things to celebrate from the last year was the inclusion of our Colts into the senior training setup during this time. They played several touch tournaments with great success and thanks to Tring Head Coach Giles Wallace's support this probably did more for our 'One Club' ethos than anything before. As a result, many of the 18s will be down to support on a Saturday, also watching their old U19 teammates running out for Tring Senior teams.

For Minis and most Juniors the month of September is for training and getting players back fit and ready for the season and it is wonderful to see Sunday mornings back to being a hive of activity again.

Our first fixture was played by our Colts last Sunday at Amersham & Chiltern. Set very much as a training game it was quite wonderful to see the excitement of players, parents and coaches. It was played in great spirit with Tring's slightly larger squad taking the honours. The standard of rugby was all the more impressive given the time since last playing contact.

We are all looking forward to the season of rugby ahead, hopefully without too much disruption. Here's to enjoying a pint on the touchline!

Jonathan

Jonathan Westcot, TringRugby Junior 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)			15 January	Maidenhead (A)
25 September	Maidenhead (H)			22 January	Hertford (H)
02 October	Hertford (A)			29 January	Westcombe Park (A)
16 October	Westcombe Park			12 February	CS Stags 1863 (H)
23 October	CS Stags 1863 (A)			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	Wimberdon (A)

Pos	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	HF	AF	Pts
1	 Wimbledon	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	29	50	10
2	 Havant	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	51	17	9
3	 Hertford	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	28	17	9
4	 Brighton	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	15	57	6
5	 Dorking	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	33	0	5
6	 Westcombe Park	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	38	8	5
7	 North Walsham	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	14	24	5
8	 Sutton & Epsom	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	28	5
9	 Sidcup	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	52	5
10	 Sevenoaks	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	17	12	4
11	 Maidenhead	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	21	7	1
12	 Tring	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	0	0
13	 Tunbridge Wells	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	27	11	0
14	 CS Stags 1863	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	38	0	-4

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Spotlight on: Ollie Green

Age: 24

Height: 5' 9"

Weight: 78 kgs

Previous clubs?

Durham University, Saint Medard En Jalles, Durham County Seniors/u20s and North England u20s.

How did you become a Tring Ranger?

Moved back to the local area and was head-hunted by Olley OG who promised copious amounts of post-match beer vouchers.

What is your personal goal this season??

Stay fit and help the team finish in the top half of the table.

What is your favourite rugby moment?

Playing at Twickenham and abroad in Bordeaux, France.

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

Wimbledon Final.

Who is your all-time sporting hero?

Roger Federer.

What is your proudest rugby moment?

Currently dating my old rugby coach's daughter.

What's your most embarrassing rugby moment?

Telling my coach I was dating his daughter.

What makes Tring Rugby Club special?

Top group of fellas who buy in on and off the field.

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

Most likely spotted in The Boat in Berkhamsted.



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

Rory Hardman (Dijon) - Once spotted him on Police Interceptors taking down some criminals.

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

The rig and the post match beers.

Who is the best-dressed in the team?

Alex Harrison - look out for his rolled up chinos and trainer combo. Almost as lethal as his chat.



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