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# FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Welcome to our visitors today Tunbridge Wells. We came 2nd to them at their place which I think was the beginning of our injury crisis . No excuses and Tunbridge were the better side on the day. Last week's battle with Hertford ended in a draw which was a fair result as both teams had a chance to win it. We were certainly the happier side. Our defence last week was exemplary spurred on by the Hertford team talk . Firstly the club announcer was his usual biased self and the Hertford players said we couldn't keep the defence patterns going. Well played boys and hopefully we can see a similar performance today. We are getting to the business end of the season with a lot at stake for relegation and

promotion. Promotion seems to be with the top 3 with ourselves and Hertford waiting on any mistakes. Relegation is not a forgone conclusion except for Shelford who seem doomed. There are no easy games and everyone have tough run ins.

You may have already seen an announcement that Dan Boniface is stepping down as DoR with immediate effect. Dan and his family are synonymous with Tring so we are all glad that Dan's wife , Charlotte , recently gave birth to James who I hope is already decked out in Black and gold. With Charlottes father , Tony Branwhite, a Tring stalwart we are expecting great things from James so no pressure. Coupled with a new job , Dan needed to step away from front line duty but is still playing and helping with the 3s and 4s. I would like to take this opportunity to than Dan for his work not only as DoR but for years of service as a player, coach and manager. Dan bleeds black and gold so I am sure he will be back in some capacity in the future. So thank you Dan , well done Charlotte and welcome James. The first person that can guess James' middle name (without cheating) gets a free pint.....for the road.

That means a big welcome to Mason Wallace who steps up to DoR. Mason is part of the Tring furniture and I am sure he will be a great asset to the team

Lastly a reminder that the Dinner Dance is on Saturday May 18th. See page 11 of today's programme to get your table.

Let's hope for a good game with no injuries.

*John Ball*

Chairman



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# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

As one chapter ends a new begins. With the birth of my son last week I have handed over the DOR duties to Mason Wallace. Mason has been supporting me this season and has been managing the second team. He has been doing a superb job, and now is the right time for the change. When I take on a project I give it everything I can and I hope this has come across in the way I have gone about my duties in the last two years. One of my philosophies is to leave something in a stronger position than I took it on. Wardy had done a great job before me, I was able to build on some foundations he had implemented and aspects of the club that we believed in. I know Mason will be able to do the same from here, and the club will continue to grow.

The key areas for me as DOR were always around more people playing rugby, more money over the bar, a strong second team, and more importantly more youngsters coming through the ranks. I have really enjoyed being involved in the first and second team squads and gained a lot of satisfaction from working with some great coaches, hence I was never worried about the first team achieving, I have known Giles my whole life and knew we would work well together, with mutual trust and respect.

At the beginning of my tenure we made the decision for the colts, third and fourth team to train together, this had never happened before, the third and fourth team had never trained before as a squad. The impact has been huge, this initiative was about the long game. I have now lost count of the amount of under 20s who are now playing senior rugby because of this. Some have gone on to make their first team debuts this season. This is my proudest achievement as DOR. I still maintain, there is no

pressure to make it into the first team straight away, some require more time to develop, some are not interested in playing that level, but as long as they are playing, we are succeeding in having more people playing rugby. When I took on the role, we did not have a fourth team, we now have a fourth team in a league, if slightly irregular, the fixtures not the players (well, maybe the players as well). This all has a knock on effect on the finances of the club, we have seen a turn around in fortunes this season and the committee has worked wonders and given a lot of unpaid time to do this for our great club.

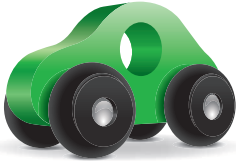
My plans? To continue playing as long as I can and remain involved in the leadership group for the third and fourth team. It is with regret that I simply no longer have the time to continue in the role. I have loved every minute (nearly) of it and hope I have left it in a stronger position. TRUFC is in my blood, as it was my father's, and I hope my sons, who we have given a middle name in memory of my dad, James Keith Boniface. Here is to the next breed of Rangers and to the continued success of our club.

Thank you to all those who have supported me from both committees and the wider team I have worked with, the coaches and players, family and friends and most of all Charlotte who put up with the many hours of rugby correspondence! Maybe I can take on the role again in the future, but who's knows what that will bring. To the hear and now, let's hope for three big wins today and a strong finish to the season.

*Dan Boniface*

Dan Boniface, Director of Rugby

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# FROM THE HEAD COACH



Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to our visitors from Tunbridge Wells.

I went into last week really optimistic and hopeful that Tring would record our first ever victory away at Hertford. We have been playing some excellent rugby of late, training has been bang on and the boys were simply buzzing come 3pm on match day; and boy did they not disappoint. The first 20 minutes saw us how the greatest set of defence I have ever seen from a Tring side, with 15 minutes of sustained pressure on our line ultimately finishing with Hertford coming away with nothing. Better still, at half time we were 10 -0 up and in the ascendancy. But all good sides in this league often show great resilience and Hertford are no exception... so 15-a-piece with 5 minutes to go. It comes back to Ben Criddle and he drops a goal just wide. No problem I

think 'they still have to kick the ball back to us from the 22 restart', and the referee blows for full time. Stunned silence from the crowd and both benches.

Now I can excuse a lot of things from referees at this level as without a team of three, in a league that livings are earned from, it is a thankless task. But to get the time wrong is simply inexcusable, or to have a second watch running as his other one had clearly failed is even more unbelievable! Ultimately we came away with 2 more points than we have ever come away with from Hertford but when asked by Pete Borg-Neal if 'I would have taken the draw on Saturday morning?', the answer was simply 'No'.

Still we are getting closer over there and it's always great to beat them at home.

So on to today. Again, we have trained excellently this week in preparation for a well drilled side who got the better of us at their place and who gave the league leaders a real scare last week in narrowly losing by a single point. Like us over at Hertford, they will be coming here with the hope to 'do the double' but hopefully we have other ideas.

Good luck to all teams playing today, and well done to our senior squad boys who are putting their hand up so that we can get a 2s and 3s out. Enjoy all the rugby that Tring has to offer in this 'fallow' Six Nations week!

Thanks as always to everyone for their support.

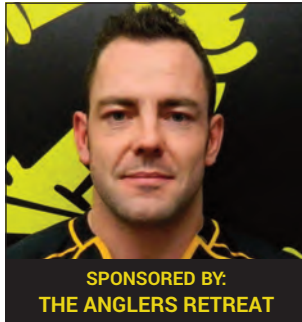
*Giles Wallis*

Giles Wallis, Head Coach

# Tring Rugby 1st TEAM LINE UP



1. Jaimie Brown



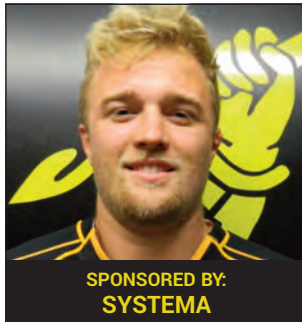
2. Jonathan Morgan



3. Josh White



4. Oscar Nicholson-Potter



5. Harry Green



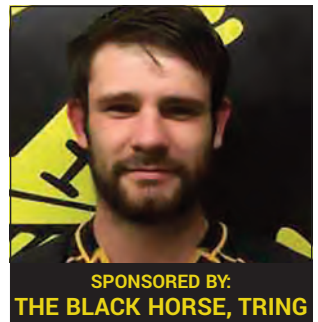
6. George Hayes



7. Harry McCartney



8. Oliver O'Gorman (C)



9. Richard Beeny



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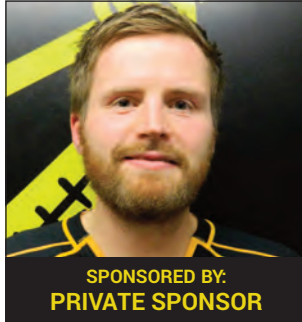
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10. Tom Newton



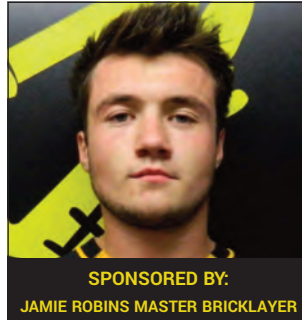
11. Richard Roberts



12. John Preston



13. Sam Barnes



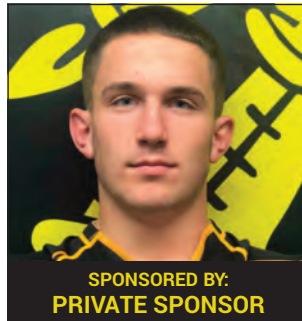
14. Charlie Goss-Lambourne



15. Ben Criddle



16. Grant Wattleworth



17. James Osmond



18. Jack Doodson

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## FROM THE MINIS & JUNIORS



Today the guard of honour will be provided by our Cubs section, for kids aged 3 to 5. The section was first started several years ago at Tring Rugby - we were one of the 1st clubs in the country and certainly the 1st in Hertfordshire to offer rugby-focused sessions for these age groups. Interesting to note that not only have other rugby clubs now copied our Cubs set up, but the local football and cricket clubs have taken our lead as well.

The Cubs players train each Sunday for 45 minutes, under the guidance of Jacquie Worrall and her coaching team, including Sam and Adam Hollier and Peter Toovey who oversee some 35+ players each week. The Cubs sessions are focused on rugby play games that gently introduce them to rugby. We have seen many players come through this section into

our Mini and Junior age groups in the past few years, our thanks to Jacquie for continuing to lead the section. Please cheer on Tring's youngest Rangers as they welcome the teams onto the pitch before kick-off.

The clubs newly formed girls' section went to Cheshunt last weekend to train and play matches against other Hertfordshire girls. This was their first outing of the season and not only did they have a great afternoon but also impressed the Herts coaches who took the session on Cheshunt 4g pitch. We will continue to build this section in the coming months.

*Mark Firth*

Mark Firth, M&J Chairman



**TRFC - AS IT STANDS 16 FEBRUARY 2019:**  
 Played 19, Won 11, Drawn 1, Lost 7

**TEAM STATS:**

**Most appearances:** N Radley (19)  
**Most points:** T Newton (80)  
**Most tries:** Ben Criddle (8)

**THE SEASON SO FAR:**

1 September	Wimbledon (a)	28-15	lost
8 September	Bedford Athletic (a)	24-26	won
15 September	CS Stags 1863 (h)	45-24	won
22 September	Chingford (a)	11-17	won
29 September	Dorking (h)	28-23	won
6 October	Sidcup (a)	16-13	lost
20 October	Hertford (h)	32-22	won
27 October	Tunbridge Wells (a)	20-14	lost
3 November	Shelford (h)	53-8	won
17 November	Westcliff (a)	38-11	lost
24 November	Guildford (h)	69-27	won
1 December	Brentwood (a)	24-23	lost
8 December	Sutton & Epsom (h)	12-13	lost
15 December	Bedford Athletic (h)	44-22	won
5 January	CS Stags 1863 (a)	46-19	lost
12 January	Chingford (h)	23-3	won
19 January	Dorking (a)	5-12	won
26 January	Sidcup (h)	33-14	won
9 February	Hertford (a)	15-15	draw



**LONDON & SOUTH EAST PREMIER LEAGUE**

#	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	4 Try Bonus	Losing Bonus	Pts
1.	Sutton & Epsom	19	8	0	2	8	0	1	16	0	3	494	349	145	11	0	75
2.	Wimbledon	19	9	0	1	5	1	3	14	1	4	557	300	257	10	3	71
3.	Westcliff	19	9	0	1	5	0	4	14	0	5	600	281	319	12	3	71
4.	Hertford	19	6	1	2	5	0	5	11	1	7	469	365	104	9	3	58
5.	Tring	19	8	0	1	3	1	6	11	1	7	504	383	121	7	4	57
6.	Dorking	19	6	0	3	4	0	6	10	0	9	452	396	56	7	4	51
7.	CS Stags 1863	19	7	0	3	2	0	7	9	0	10	479	442	37	7	5	48
8.	Guildford	19	5	0	5	4	0	5	9	0	10	427	526	-99	9	2	47
9.	Bedford Athletic	19	5	0	3	3	0	8	8	0	11	452	617	-165	8	4	44
10.	Tunbridge Wells	19	5	0	5	3	0	6	8	0	11	376	405	-29	5	6	43
11.	Sidcup	19	4	1	4	3	0	7	7	1	11	430	472	-42	6	6	42
12.	Chingford	19	2	1	6	4	0	6	6	1	12	366	431	-65	5	5	36
13.	Brentwood	19	4	0	6	2	1	6	6	1	12	404	448	-44	4	5	35
14.	Shelford	19	1	0	9	0	0	9	1	0	18	237	832	-595	0	3	7

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