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From the Chairman

A big, warm Tring welcome to everyone here today. We have been through so much over the last 18 months or so that returning to Rugby seems the first 'normal' event to happen so far. Even walking into a pub last weekend, I was asked if I had booked a table and where I wanted to sit. The surprise when I said no table, no sitting just a pint at the bar was as if it was the weirdest thing to do.

That said, we all know we are not back to normal in terms of the virus. At Tring we would all like you to be mindful of others who are likely to have a different situation to yourself and be respectful of their decisions surrounding the virus. Any sensible person realises we need to get the economy going again and this applies to all Rugby Clubs as well. I feel we are in a good position as far as the club and its finances are concerned and this is a big thank you to the hard and diligent work of the committee, our sponsors and all the volunteers that help run the club. We have all been working towards this weekend so let's hope it is enjoyable for the Seniors, Minis and Juniors.

Today we welcome Wimbledon RFC to Cow Lane. Before Rugby was shut down Wimbledon were flying high in the hope of catching Rochford or Guernsey and going up to level 4 but the virus stopped their charge. Today we all go into the season with hope we will all be flying high come next April.

The work of the club coaches through Seniors and the youth has been outstanding during the pandemic. Achieving some sort of Rugby when the situation allowed was fantastic allowing us to integrate the Colts with Senior players was a massive plus and something that we need to carry on if we are to have more Juniors joining the Senior ranks. We are all involved with Rugby because we love the sport and our coaching in the Juniors is

geared for the Colts to make that transition. To the old farts there was no such thing as a transition. One week you were in the Colts next you were on the seniors without



too much of a thought. The game has changed with fitter, faster, bigger and more skilful players which requires different rules and regulations to protect the players but for me this should not be an obstacle but part of the learning and transitioning to Senior Rugby.

Lastly but certainly not least it is Martyn Kirk's birthday. Our quiet and low profile President clocks up another year and his energy for Tring RUFC knows no boundaries. A President is usually an honorary position but not for Kirky. His hard work in raising money, working with the VPs and supporting the entire club means we are very lucky to have him. Even on his birthday, he has invited several guests, at his own expense, to help him celebrate so don't wait for Kirky to buy you a drink – get him one. He loves Cointreau, Sambuca, Side Pocket, Guinness, cider...in fact I don't think he will say no to whatever you have in mind.....which brings me on to his wonderful and ever supportive wife Collette. As a club, we thank you for your support of Martyn and his club endeavours.

John Ball

Chairman



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From the Director of Rugby

A big welcome back to Rugby to you all today, it was great to see a number of you all during a sunny day in August for the Home game against Oxford Harlequins. What was 18 months away from the game only seemed weeks when catching up with you all on the sidelines with a beer.

During the last 18 months we can all talk about the negatives, but there has been a number of positives at Tring Rugby. Through the Colts joining the senior training, they now have an identity to senior rugby before going off to Uni and many are chomping at the bit to play senior Rugby. From this, I hope now to ensure there is a pathway to senior rugby from the Cubs.

We can also say the skill levels of all teams has improved with us putting 3-4 teams out earlier in the year for the Ready for Rugby games we enjoyed with local clubs.

We have seen a number of players join over the last 18 months and a few today will get the honour of wearing a Tring shirt in a league game this afternoon.

Whilst our mission is still to get a 4th team out regularly in these trying times, our player numbers still need to grow, so please promote us around your work place and friends. We are looking for players of all abilities.

Enjoy your afternoon.

Mason Wallace

Mason Wallace, Director of Rugby

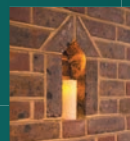


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From the Head Coach

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

Well what a couple of years this has been. It seems an eternity since I have had the opportunity to talk to you all about Rugby, and I am very much looking forward to doing so to many of you before the game today, whilst you get back to your well-deserved Captain Kirk's pre-match lunches and then others in the bar after the game.

Suffice to say a lot has happened in the break away from the game. A lot of clubs have changed their focus on and off the pitch, some have flourished, some have lost a team or two and sadly some have fallen by the wayside. So when we look at Tring RUFC it fills me with great pride (as a junior and senior player and now head coach) to see that, thanks to the efforts of the many volunteers, we are now ready and able to not only play in this first league game of the 2021/22 season but be fielding a fantastic team and I am sure compete with our visitors in every aspect.

In our time away from the contact side of the game, strides have been made to integrate our colts into our senior set up, get the returning students back to the club and further bridge the gap between our second and third teams. This was reinforced by us fielding a first team and mixed 2s/3s teams for two weeks in a row against Oxford Harlequins. Fantastic stuff and long may this continue.

As for the seniors as a whole, this pre-season has been excellent. The fact that there is no relegation this season certainly has meant that we are looking to play a different brand of rugby and so as a coaching team we changed our mind-set to build on the enforced break away from contact and work on skill sets. Yes we have had to get

breakdown and set piece work in but to work on the fundamentals with a focus on player development has been very refreshing and I am sure the players have enjoyed it. Let's hope that we can translate it onto the pitch today!

We are all seriously excited so please do enjoy the game today!

Giles

Giles Wallis, Head Coach



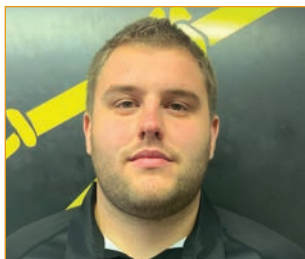
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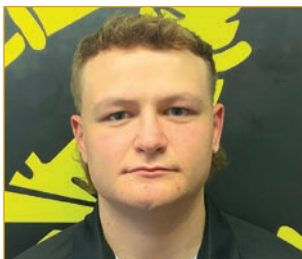
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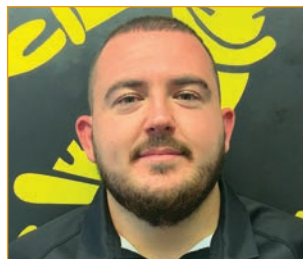
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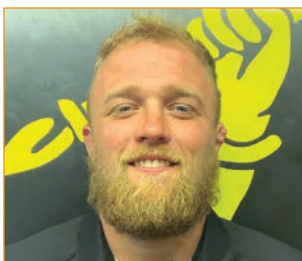
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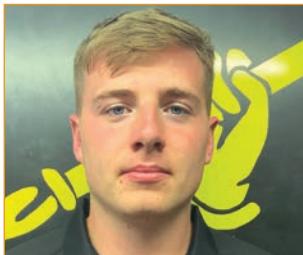
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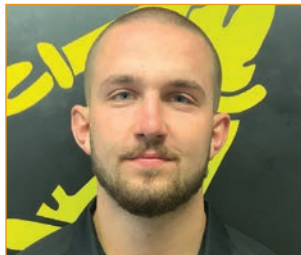
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From the 1st Team Manager

I was born and raised in Liverpool along with my 5 siblings, leaving the city when I was 18 to join Bradford Uni. Then the world of business brought me 'down South'. I've lived in the Tring/Berkhamsted area since marrying Fran, 30 years ago. Together, we have 2 grown up children, Edward and Francesca.

I played rugby for University and clubs until a shoulder injury prematurely ended my playing days. My journey with Tring RUFC began when Edward joined the minis aged 6. I joined the coaching team and stayed part of this age group until he progressed to the Colts, when I then started to referee the juniors. Throughout these 20 or so years, I have met some of my closest friends. In fact we all still go on our annual camping trip even though the kids are now adults.

I've spent my business life in sales and marketing within the IT industry, including Hewlett Packard and Apple UK. Ten years ago, I set up my own company, Just2Connect Ltd, providing Telecoms and Broadband to businesses in Herts, Beds & Bucks.

When not working or keeping up with my 1st team duties, Fran and I love to walk the Chiltern Hills with our lovely GoldenDoodle Molly. I also fancy myself as a bit of a chef and love creating culinary delights in the kitchen. If I have any free time, I can often be spotted at The Alford Arms in Frithsden!

In the short time since I have taken up my role with the 1st team squad, I have thoroughly enjoyed myself and I really look forward to a great season with the team, the coaching staff and everyone else at the club.



Terry Martin

Terry Martin, 1st Team Manager



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18 September	Tunbridge Wells	22 January	Hertford
25 September	Maidenhead	12 February	CS Stags 1863
16 October	Westcombe Park	05 March	Sidcup
30 October	Havant	26 March	Sutton & Epsom
13 November	Brighton	09 April	North Walsham
04 December	Sevenoaks		

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3	 Dorking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	 Havant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	 Hertford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	 Maidenhead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	 North Walsham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	 Sevenoaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	 Sidcup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	 Sutton & Epsom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	 Tring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Spotlight on: Oliver O’Gorman

Height: 6’ 1”

Weight: 104 kgs

Previous clubs?

Havant & Auckland University.

How did you become a Tring Ranger?

Dad brought me down at the age of 6 & ended up stuck here.

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

Hertford - big old rivalry.

What’s your favourite food?

Anything from The Greyhound Inn, Aldbury.

What’s your favourite movie?

The Greatest Showman.

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

Lions tour.

What’s your most embarrassing rugby moment?

Getting folded in half by the Rochford front row in my first game as ‘skips’.

Growing up who was your all time favourite rugby player?

Richard Hill.

What is your favourite quote or saying?

“Hand up, not out” Harry McCartney, 2018.

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

Ben Hogan: he literally has 0 commitments in life other than rugby, fortnite, golf & beers.

Who is the funniest team mate?

Jack Flanagan: our chat couldn’t be more identical



so I’m going to have to go for him.

Who is the best-dressed in the team?

Jake Olley: wearing nothing but All Saints and smelling like Creed is a big bit of me.

Who is the worst-dressed in the team?

Harry Green: hasn’t taken his South East England training top off since he got it in 2012.



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