

## **Match Report - Saturday 27 October 2007**

### **'The Reeves' Staines RFC 12 Tring 8 London League 2 North.**

Staines put last week's surprising defeat behind them, bouncing back into promotion contention and second spot in the league, with a hard fought win over Tring RFC, who they now displace on points difference.

Staines started the game the stronger, the introduction of Head Coach, Eddie Jones at No. 8 considerably strengthened the forwards both tactically and organisationally, the first ten minutes was notable for the resolute pressure applied by the home side, forcing their opponents back to their own line, Staines opening the scoring on 10 minutes, when hooker Stefan Myburgh crossed for a trademark try, coming off the side of a maul following a Staines lineout, the subsequent conversion failed.

The following 20 minutes was all Staines, who monopolised possession and defended stoutly in midfield, nevertheless, once again, they failed to capitalise and could not put their opponents away, based on previous performances, it was somehow inevitable that Tring would score and come back into the game, therefore, on 33 minutes and against the run of play, Staines failed to clear their lines when a touch kick was charged down and a Tring player was first to the loose ball to score an equalising try.

The first half ended at five a piece, with everything to play for in the second period.

Early in the second half, Tring put their noses in front, with a penalty, following a Staines player caught in an offside position, the points scored by Tom Newton, their fullback and standout player.

However, Staines quickly replied through their wing, Andy Turner, who scored under the posts, this was an outstanding try, initiated by Staines fullback, Tony Willis who counter attacked from a Tring kick ahead, combined with his backs who were cleverly running defence splitting lines, culminating in a neat pop pass by his brother Jon Turner to the number 14, who burst into space 10 metres out; the try was converted, bringing the score to Staines 12 Tring 8.

The remainder of the match, although high on excitement, was marked by sound defence by both sides and Staines inability to put the game beyond their opponents reach, several chances being spurned, through a mixture of bad luck and individual lapses, that having been said, Staines thoroughly deserved the win against a well balanced Tring outfit who narrowly missed promotion last season and who will undoubtedly be in contention on this occasion.

Staines next league game is away to Welwyn Garden City on Saturday 3 November KO 2.30pm.

#### Team:

15 Tony Willis 14 Andy Turner 13 Jon Turner 12 Marinus Scheepers 11 James Cornish  
10 Andy Reegan 9 Richard Scott 1 Leonard Leibenburg 2 Stefan Myburgh 3 Rony  
Bachour 4 Junior Harrison 5 Tom Cleary 6 Eddie Landsburg 7 Luciano Silvera 8 Eddie  
Jones.

#### Substitutes:

16 Andy Norman 17 Rob Channon 18 Mikey Wilmott.