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Chairmans Welcome

Good afternoon to everyone.

After Westcliff this is our next closest 'local derby' and we welcome Bury St Edmunds here today to Magnolia Road. We are now at that part of the season when we are playing everyone for the second time. We had a very eventful day at Bury back in September when the players' coach broke down, delaying the kick-off by some time. Bury are a very well drilled and skilful team and we will need to be at our very best today to compete with them, but I know we are capable of it, especially with your vocal support.

If you gained entry today via the leaflet in Roundabout Rochford, welcome. I hope you enjoy today, and we look forward to seeing you at our next home game on Saturday 29 January when we host high flying Worthing to the Rugby Park.

Our last home game was on December 18 when we hosted Westcliff and I would just like to go on record to thank the small army of volunteers who made the whole day run smoothly and it was nice to get the win over our closest rivals in front of our biggest crowd for a league possibly ever.

Damn covid is obviously still with us and if you are lurching, I apologise if it is a bit breezy, but we will have all the windows open and if possible, the external doors as well to aid air circulation. Covid has really caught up with lately with some people attending the Westcliff game going down with it and 12 of the 1st team squad getting it which resulted in our away game at Guernsey being postponed.

This year is the 60th Anniversary year of Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club being founded, and I am told today in 1962 we actually played our very first game. We have a number of celebratory

events planned for throughout the year which we will promote and publicise as and when. Please keep an eye out for these special events.

Lastly, going back to today's game we hope and expect the game to be keenly contested of the highest quality. We encourage you to support your team, be it Rochford or Bury, with abundant enthusiasm which is both positive and respectful of both the opposition and the match officials.

We will not readily tolerate behaviour that falls below the established standards and degenerates into unacceptable behaviour, but we fully support a partisan, loud and enthusiastic support of your team.

Good luck today and thank you for attending.

Ray Stephenson

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Chairman



Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

LEAGUE LUNCHESES

15th January 2022 v **BURY ST EDMUNDS**

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PLAYER PROFILE

MATTHEW NEEDHAM

NAME – Matthew Needham

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WEIGHT – 89kg

POSITION – Centre

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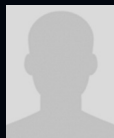
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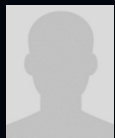
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Coaches Corner

Happy New Year everyone, hopefully you had a nice Christmas and enjoyed the 5 points and bragging rights over our nearest and dearest Westcliff!

It wasn't the most exciting games in terms of running rugby, but it was a typical derby match played with physicality and intensity, and we feel we dominated in them areas as well managing the wet slippery conditions better than them. Regardless of excitement we took maximum points against our biggest rivals, and we officially have bragging rights as the number 1 club in Essex which is something that every member at this club should take great pride in.

Unfortunately, over the Christmas break we were hit with a number of Covid related issues which prevented us travelling to Guernsey last weekend, but we welcome back a number of players today who have finished isolating and look forward to starting 2022 positively and hopefully with a win.

I would also like to welcome back Cam Greenhall to the club who will be lining up for Bury today. Cam was instrumental in our success helping this club get to the National Leagues with back-to-back promotions and for that the club is very grateful for his service (before he jumped ship and went to Westcliff the following year!) I know Harry Hudson and Sam Fombo are particularly looking forward to welcoming him back personally. But jokes aside Cam played a key role in them years and we wish him well at his new club.

In terms of today's match with Bury I am expecting a team that likes to play and move the ball wide and run as around. They did this to good effect over at their place earlier in the year and this is something we need to manage. They have a big pack that dominated us at set piece, and they had skillful backs that could stretch us. So, we know this will be a tough game today, but we know we can match any team for physicality in this league and we know our defence can be extremely difficult to break down if we are disciplined and intense.

Enjoy the Game

Danny Cleare

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Head Coach



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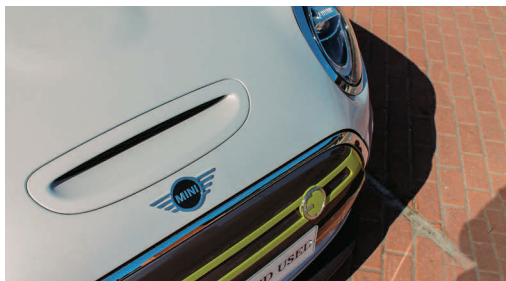

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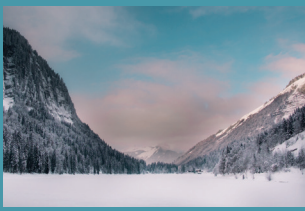
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Our Club History

Rochford Hundred was the brainchild of John Roden and Ernie Mills and was first discussed in November 1961 when the two met at the White Hart in Hawkwell. John had played at Ilford Wanderers and Ernie was an Old Tottonian so both were keen to play on their own doorstep. The inaugural meeting was held on the 4th January 1962 at the Bull Inn and was attended by a small group. The club now needed a ground and the assistance of County Councillor, later Alderman, Bill Wright was sought. He was appointed Chairman and very quickly secured the use of Rocheway School which had been closed due to its proximity to Southend airport.

This of course gave the club changing rooms and rugby pitches immediately. To get players an advert was placed in the Southend Pictorial and no less than 45 replies were received. Old Westcliffians had seen the advert and invited the new committee to a beer and cheese evening at the Gables. From this Rochford secured a fixture and an introduction to the London fixture Exchange. The first fixture was in fact against Billericay and not Old Westcliffians however. The name of the club had been suggested by John Roden after he saw a poster by Rochford Hundred Licensed Victuallers Association in the White Hart. Rochford Hundred was after all the name of the district.

The club also managed to secure a clubhouse in the car park of the Horse & Groom thanks to Mrs Innell, the licensee, and quickly set to work to make it ready for use for season 1962/63, although it was in use from March 1962.

It is worth noting that the first games were played in March and April 1962 and that Bob Light was captain.

In Season 1962/63 the club fielded 2 senior teams and a Colts team which is remarkable for a first full season. It is recorded that over 70 fixtures were arranged for this first season. Tony Davies was the 1st XV captain in this season. The Colts team was made up of a number of players from Rayleigh Secondary Modern School (now Fitzwimarc) and Sweyne School. Indeed David Allen (then a 16 year old) remembers being at one of the formation meetings at the Bull when he was still at school.

The first few years were not particularly successful but things changed when the likes of Mike Treasure came onto the scene. He was captain in 1965/66 and 1966/67 and was our first full Essex cap. His team went unbeaten for 18 months and were one of the highest scoring teams in the country. He was fortunate in having players of the calibre of Peter Coster, who was a great centre. Regrettably, Peter died recently in America, where he had been living for many years.

With playing success there came a desire to move to our own ground and in 1968 Jim Sowter, who used to write a column in the local press, printed a story that the club wished to purchase a field in the Rochford district big enough for pitches and a clubhouse. He received a letter from the lady secretary of Southend Manor Football club stating that they had an option on 10 acres of land in Magnolia Road. They were unable to raise the money to proceed and suggested that we might like to take over the option. Jim arranged a meeting between her and Ernie Mills and Ernie liked what he saw and took up the option. The land cost £3,200 and the purchase was completed in March 1969. The Rugby Football Union provided a loan of £2,100 towards the purchase.

The lengthy process of obtaining finance, building the clubhouse and preparing the pitches could now be started. In September 1970 a grant of £5,592 was offered by the Ministry of Housing and local Government and this was supplemented by grants and loans from the Essex Playing Fields Association and the National Playing Fields Association. In July, 1971 the Club gave the go-ahead to Muggleton's to start building based on an estimated cost of £11,320 of which we had raised only £8,000. The clubhouse was officially opened by Dickie Jeeps in April, 1974 when the 1st XV played against a strong Eastern Counties XV.

In 1971/72, when Malcolm Fleming was captain, there were two memorable games both in the Essex Senior Cup. The first game was against Old Bancroftians when Dickie Kent, who played scrum half for England, and Howard Waller, who was a renowned sevens player for Richmond, were in the Bancroft side. Rochford won 21-6 in a tremendous match and demonstrated that they had joined the top echelons of Essex rugby. The next round was against Barking Park Modern Old Boys at Rocheway and a pulsating match was finally won by Barking 14-12. To those who were present these were two of the finest matches played by Rochford.

The pitches in those early days at Magnolia Road were frankly dreadful but over the years there has been considerable work on them and they are now adequate for the task, if not perfect. In the late 1980's and early 1990's the clubhouse was expanded substantially with new changing rooms a gym and a new clubroom and kitchen. Floodlights were also installed.

Our youth section has gone from strength to strength and provides players for our 1st XV and other club teams. In fact our current 1st XV is almost entirely made up of former youth players. We have a ladies and girls section which is unusual among Essex Clubs. The club is currently playing in National League 2 South and we can look back on 60 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

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