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Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club Versus

Norwich RFC



Saturday 7th April 2018 Kick Off 3.00pm



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Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

Welcome to Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

Our Club Kistoru

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 Councilor, 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 goahead 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 London 2 (North East) and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

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7th April 2018 v Norwich 14th April 2018 v Sudbury

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PLAYER PROFILE

DANNY CLEARE

NAME - Danny Cleare

D.O.B - 29/01/1987

POSITION – Centre/Wing

NICKNAME - Beero

WEIGHT - 91kg

HEIGHT - 174cm

FAVOURITE FOOD – Shepard's Pie

FAVOURITE DRINK – Tea



BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Colonel getting bounced by a skinny hippy from Harlow back in the day - still amuses me

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – Being on the end of a 140-0 loss away at Esher has gotta be up there and we asked for it to be called 5 minutes early!

IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE 3 PEOPLE TO GET STUCK IN A LIFT WITH, WHO? WHY?

- I David Brent has to be in character
- 2 Rachel Riley (she's the female me brains and beauty)
- 3 Dynamo blokes a freak will make time go guicker

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Fombo

WORST DRESSED – Me apparently..... (don't see it)

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Fombo







Rugby Coaching Report

Welcome to the Director of Rugby report.

Welcome to our penultimate home league game which will hopefully see us achieve our goal of winning London North East 2 in front of good support. The task that faces us is a stiff one with Norwich coming closest earlier in the season to ending our unbeaten run. We must be far better than we have been recently and I expect us to be.

The last few weeks has been frustrating with the weather playing it's part and this has been a part in upsetting any rhythm or flow to training which has reflected in our performances too. We now have a run of three league games and Westcliff in the Essex Cup Semi Final on Wednesday 25th to finish the season before a deserved break.

The opportunity we have today is one that shouldn't be taken lightly despite the quality of players we have. Not many players win a league and is a rarity and something we must enjoy as a club together. Our support has been good all year and we must all continue to strive for more. There will be bumps along the way maybe even today so it's important we show our togetherness and not just turn up and expect to win every week. Doesn't work like that and the National Cup was a reminder of that.

The last game saw a workmanlike performance at Epping, very scrappy and our

skill level way below normal. However Sam Fombo's try and Mitch Bennett's try we're a joy to see and you can't get any more than five points. We have yet to drop a point this year yet the league still needs to be won. Credit to Sudbury who have been relentless trying to catch us but we must take the first opportunity we have today and finish the job immediately. Play our structures be cold and professional and get our first bit of success that will lead to bigger and better things.

Chris Green

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

- Director of Rugby





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Chairman's Message

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Rochford Hundred Rugby Club, I hope you enjoy your day with us.

Today we welcome Norwich to Magnolia road it will be good to get back to playing rugby after the snow and rain we have had. Earlier in the season we had a tough encounter with Norwich playing well after they had also recruited well in key positions. I look forward to another tough afternoon on the park with both teams keen to be in the mix at the end of the season. The last game was a tough encounter against Epping as all teams we are facing are looking to stop the unbeaten run we are having this season.

Our Match Day sponsor is Nick Hyde, who has sponsored the club for many years which we are very grateful for. Today's Match Ball sponsor is another long-term club sponsor in Grassed Up. Without these sponsors the club wouldn't be performing as well as it currently is and we thank all of our sponsors for their continued support.

The mascots are our under 7s and ball boys from our under 13's. I would like to take this opportunity to thanks all the coaches, helpers and parents for the time and effort they put in each week.

We now have a rearranged match against Harlow away on the 21st April this was due to bad weather and their pitches unplayable.

This year the AGM will be on the 12th April starting at 20.30 please all make the effort to attend and have your vote on how the club is run.

Sponsorship has real benefits which include advertising your company in the hand book, pitch side signs or on our social media sites. If you or anyone you know wants to be involved, please talk to Adam Faherty who will be willing to build a package to suit your budget his telephone number 07981 965669. Player sponsorship is coming around again so if you would like to sponsor a player from the squad please let us know.

FUTURE EVENTS

27th April - We have X Factor finalist Matt Linnen performing at the club, with special guests. Tickets are £10 per person and available from behind the bar or via Chris Green tickets selling fast please do not miss the chance to come and see him live.

 $IIth\ May$ - End of Season Awards Evening with guest speaker Dick Best. Please reserve your place via me at £20 per person.

10th June - Car Boot Sale - From 9am, book your car or table now via Louise Archer on 07930 945722, £7 in advance or £10 on the day, tables available to hire at £3 each.

17th June - Fathers Day celebration at the club from 12pm onwards, all welcome and bring your own food for the BBQ.

Ist September - We have the county regiment Royal Anglians visiting for a benevolent rugby game. We have been chosen to host this day and want to make it one to remember for the fallen. Come along with all your family and friends there will be lots to do on the day for the kids as well as the adults. If you would like to get involved on the day to help raise money for the charity please let me know.

Lastly the club relies on Members paying membership every year so if you have not done so yet please ensure you make your donation or sign up today for direct debit forms behind the bar. Being a member has benefits on club house hire also reduced prices on alcohol. We have increased our membership this year with many members enjoying the benefit this brings.

Always remember that our beautiful game is built on **RESPECT** so jeering or bad language is not acceptable at any time during the game. Without the person in the middle we would not have a game and if you think you could do better then let us see you sign up to be that person we always need referees.

Peter Van Den Broeck

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Chairman









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18 Richie Ruddick

Referee

Mark Costello (London Society)

Rochford Hundred Upcoming Events

Thursday 12th April

CLUB AGM

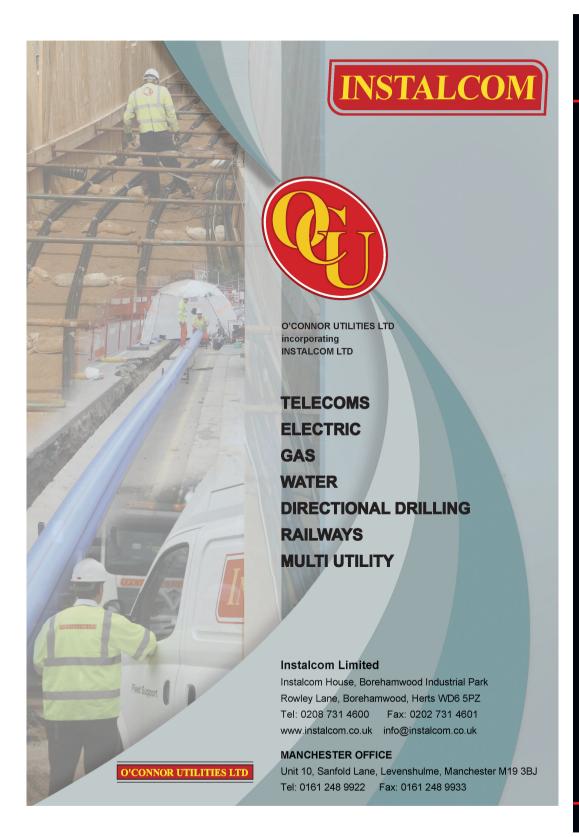
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PLAYER PROFILE

STUART WHATLING

NAME – Stuart Whatling

D.O.B – 01/05/1993 (Proof that I'm not 35)

POSITION – Blindside Flanker

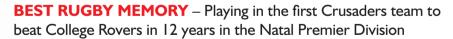
NICKNAME – Stu-Boy

WEIGHT - 103kg

HEIGHT - 6ft |

FAVOURITE FOOD – Turkish

FAVOURITE DRINK – Spiced Rum and Coke



WORST RUGBY MEMORY - Running into Bakkies Botha

IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE 3 PEOPLE TO GET STUCK IN A LIFT WITH, WHO? WHY?

- I Gordon Ramsay (Cracks me up and could get some good cooking tips)
- 2 Jimmy Carr (Would need some dark humour to pass time)
- 3 Elisha Otis (Google it)

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Luke Court-Rhind (without meaning to be)

WORST DRESSED - David Rufai

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Sam Fombo by some distance









Statistcs & League Table

MOST APPFARANCES

MOST POINTS

MOST TRIFS





- I. M Billings Full Back
- 2. S Whatling Openside Flanker 3. L Court-Rind
- Second Row



I. T Ashton Fly Half

22

22

- 2. M Billings Full Back
- 3. M Stewart Outside Centre



195

165

115

- I. M Billings Full Back
- 2. M Bennett 22 Left Wing

33

3. S Whatling 14 Openside Flanker

London 2 North East League

#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Rochford Hundred	19	9	0	0	10	0	0	19	0	0	1082	156	926	95	19
2.	Sudbury	20	9	0	1	8	0	2	17	0	3	936	294	642	88	20
3.	Norwich	20	9	0	2	5	0	4	14	0	6	628	315	313	72	14
4.	Wanstead	20	8	0	2	6	1	3	14	1	5	604	413	191	69	11
5.	Harlow	19	6	0	3	2	1	7	8	1	10	470	595	-125	45	11
6.	Chelmsford	20	5	0	5	2	0	8	7	0	13	404	704	-300	39	11
7.	Epping Upper Clapton	20	6	0	4	1	0	9	7	0	13	393	619	-226	37	9
8.	Romford & Gidea Park	19	6	1	3	1	0	8	7	1	11	394	715	-321	37	7
9.	Ipswich	20	5	0	5	2	0	8	7	0	13	356	665	-309	36	8
10.	Woodford	20	4	0	6	2	0	8	6	0	14	443	759	-316	33	9
11.	Cantabrigian	20	3	0	7	3	0	7	6	0	14	353	667	-314	31	7
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