



Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

Welcome to Rochford Hundred Rugby Club Our Olub fiztury

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.

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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 & South East Premier and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

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PLAYER PROFILE

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Aston Bevans-Royston

NAME – Aston Bevans-Royston

D.O.B - 05/02/90

POSITION – Tight head prop

NICKNAME – Asty

WEIGHT - 120kg

HEIGHT - 6ft 3"

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FAVOURITE FOOD – Nandos

FAVOURITE DRINK – Gin and tonic



BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Beating Sale in the play off at Heywood Road to win promotion to National One

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – Completely tearing my calf playing against old Albanians and the time out injured that followed

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

- I Micky Flanagan
- 2 Lee Evans
- 3 Jimmy Bullard (Should be a laugh)

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – I wouldn't dare give them the recognition! Would never hear the end of it

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Not too sure, but Mac wears his pants so that's pretty weird

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Director of Rugby Report

Welcome to our first home game of the season against a very strong Hertford team that has a very good reputation both on and off the field. They are a club I always enjoyed playing against back in the day and I look forward to the return xmas fixture in what is always a good atmosphere and well supported.

Last week saw our first game at this level and I was delighted, without question, with the five points and our attitude throughout. Tring were a strong team last season especially at home so we will take that all day long. The most exciting thing for me is that we were nowhere near our capabilities in attack and there is lots more to come, no doubt.

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We welcome a couple of new faces to our staff as well as a handful of new players this season. Welcome to all the new players and also to lames Tirrell and Chris Waring with the first team and Tom Morrish who will head up the seconds. The depth of players we now have is the best it has ever been and the young players coming through is reflected in the second team selection. Many players will cross between both teams and its something that will make or break us with how players react to it. Its an exciting time though and today will be a reflection of how quickly we have improved with the opposition we are now playing. Make no mistake though, our ambitions are the same as in previous years.

Off the field we are striving hard to move things forward and any additional assistance by local businesses and club members would be a great help. If you look In the club program there are still some players who need sponsorship for the season and there will be an opportunity to sponsor a player at the end of the game today. The second team kick off at 2.30pm so support for that game would be much appreciated also.

Finally I'd like to thank the back benchers plus our chairman, Wayne and people like Adam Faherty for the help and passion that over the last three years has been the sole reason why this club has moved forward. They are Rochford people through and through and don't want anything back for their time. Its the selfless attitude I'd like across the whole club and should be an inspiration to everyone in any walk of life. If we show anything like this commitment today we will be in a good place at 4.30.

Chris Green

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Director of Rugby



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lames Kellard

Defence Coach





Chris Green Director of Rugby



Graham Pratt Ist XV Manager

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John Branch

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Chris Garstin

Kevin Anderson

Touch Judge

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Chairman's Message

Welcome back everyone to this what will be a very exciting season, the lads have trained hard in the closed season preparing for this years encounters. All those that have been down at the club pre-season will have seen how much effort everyone has put in to ensure they are as well prepared as they can be. We will be playing lots of teams we have not met before in this league so really looking forward to making new friends from these clubs please make them all welcome. Today we welcome Hertford to Magnolia road and I for one am looking forward to a very tough encounter both teams started the season with a good win last week so I am sure today will be a great game.

You will see we have replaced the Barrier at the club side to ensure greater safety for all players, this is designed to take an impact not a rear end sitting on it. I would like to thank John Drinkwater for his generosity in donating the funds needed. Also John Archer, Gary Grace, Kev Anderson and Brownie for their help in getting this ready for the new season.

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Fred and the boys have also put a lot of effort in making all the pitches ready this includes the new areas for our mini section.

I would also like to thank Products for U and Rob Chipper todays Lunch sponsors. Also all our sponsors for their continued support this really matters to us as a club and ensures we continue to prosper. If you would like to get involved in sponsorship please let me know we have many packages available. We also welcome anyone who wishes to advertise their company through our many media outlets.

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Please remember the Referee is there to ensure we all see great rugby so please do not vent your frustrations on them, if you feel you can do it please let us know we need as many referees as we can get we will even pay for the course.



Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Chairman



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HOME TEAM SQUAD

ROCHFORD HUNDRED

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

- No. Name
- 1 Craig Strachan
- 2 Adam Ferrier
- 3 Aston Bevans-Royston
- 4 Jamie Douglas
- 5 Samuel Fombo
- 6 Chris Shields
- Harry Hudson (Captain)
- 8 Mac Duaibe
- 9 Sam Arnott

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- 10 Cameron Greenhall
- 11 Chris Dudman
- 12 Wouter Roters
- 13 Damien Bramley
- 14 Daniel Cleare
- 15 Iain Meads
 - Substitutes
- 16 Lewis Brunger
- 17 Michael Guess
- 18 Ricki Gould

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AWAY TEAM SQUAD

HERTFORD

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

- No. Name
- 1 Josh Hewitt
- 2 Christy Basra
- **3** Geoff Hughes
- 4 Dan Peasnall
- **5** James Kinsley
- 6 Josh Corcoran
- 1 Luke Mongston
- 8 Dave Archer

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- 9 Michael Sargent
- 10 Stuart Smart
- 11 Sam Walker
- 12 Richard Streets
- 13 Kyle Lemon
- 14 Michael Rugely
- 15 Harry Barker

Substitutes

- 16 Tim Mathews
- 17 Torran McDougal
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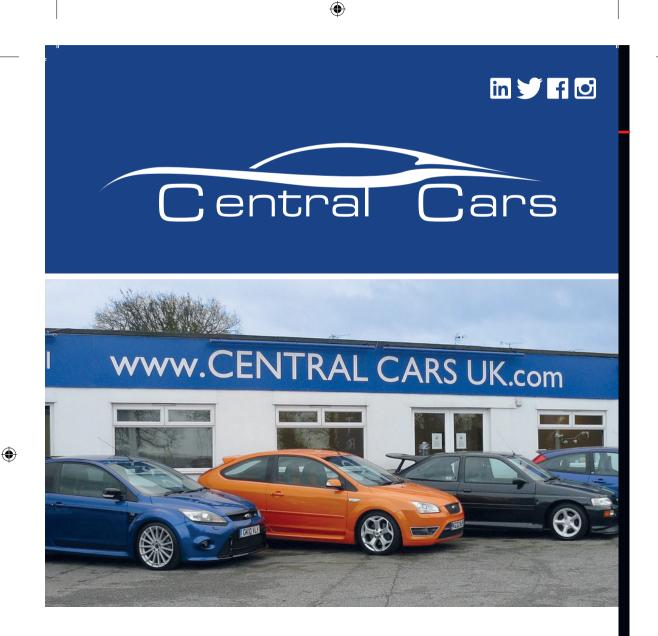
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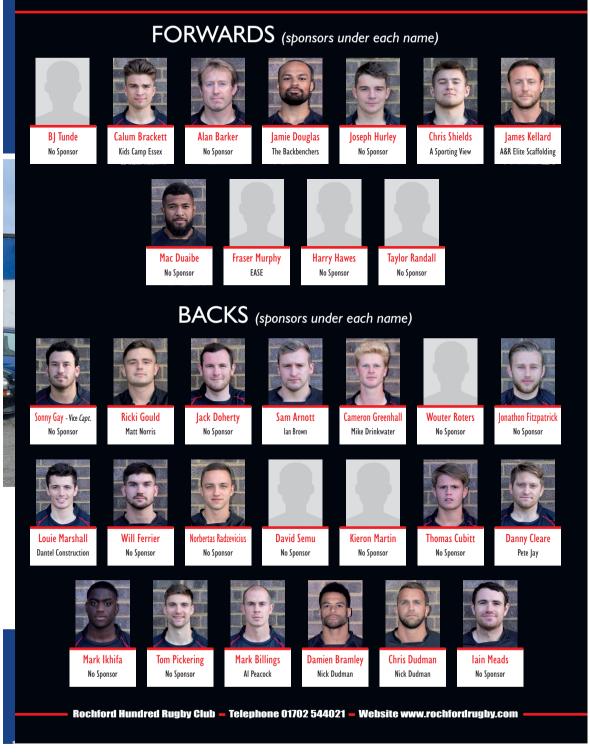


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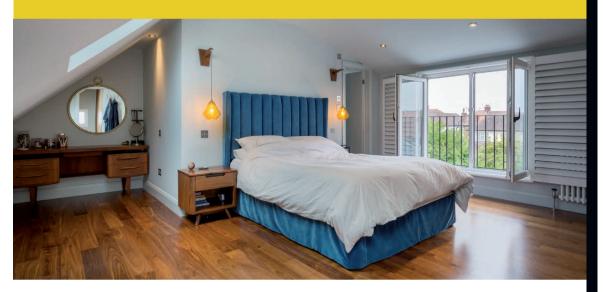


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PLAYER PROFILE

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Chris Dudman

NAME – Chris Dudman

D.O.B – 25/10/1992

POSITION – Wing / Fullback

NICKNAME - Duds

WEIGHT - 94kg

HEIGHT – 6ft

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SPORTING HERO – Johnny Wilkinson

NON SPORTING HERO – Will Ferrell

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU WE WOULDN'T KNOW
- I'm half Maltese

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