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# Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

Welcome to Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

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

# Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

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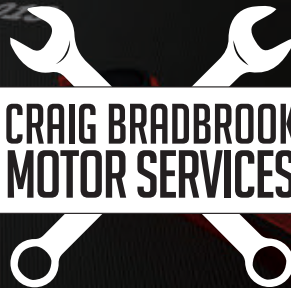
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# PLAYER PROFILE

## Jack Doherty

**NAME** – Jack Doherty

**D.O.B** – 26/03/1994

**POSITION** – 6/7/9/10

**NICKNAME** – Dockers

**WEIGHT** – 96kg

**HEIGHT** – 5ft 11½"

**SPORTING HERO** – Joe Cole

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**ROCHFORD RUGBY HERO** – Tracy and Sinead  
(after training cooks)



# Director of Rugby Report

Welcome to all as we enter the run in for the league season against a Guildford team that showed in our last encounter possess huge resilience and character. They are a good club built on solid foundation and I genuinely wish them well after today obviously!

Last week saw us grind out a decent victory with a good second half performance. We must however demand more at all times in games, every minute and every decision we take counts now and we must try and score four tries every week, win every game and run down Guernsey's points difference tally. I honestly think this is achievable and our minds must be switched on at all times. We wasted twenty minutes at Irish and that cost us, we need to make sure this doesn't happen again!

Our character will be vital as we approach the latter part of the season and when we are backed into a corner we seem to always react and come out with a positive solution. We need to be less reactive and more proactive upon this in my view. Three teams going into the final six games is very exciting and the league is a very difficult one no question.

If you aren't switched on each week you will lose against anybody... thats a

fact and that is the challenge. To win the league I think maximum points will do it with Wimbledon playing against Guernsey, someone will have to drop points here - they both might, with bonus points being crucial. If Wimbledon lose at Guernsey that leaves them a long way back so that game is crucial in my view. We must focus on our job though and that has to be implemented taking on board the things spoken about above.

Enjoy the game and lets make some noise today... every little helps!

*Chris Green*

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club  
- Director of Rugby



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Director of Rugby



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Defence Coach



**Daniel Cleare**  
Attack Coach



**James Tirrell**  
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# Backs & Attack Coach Report

Firstly I would like to welcome Guildford to Magnolia Road, and wish you well for this afternoon and also the remainder of the season, and hopefully you can avoid the drop come the end. Secondly I would like to welcome all of our supporters who have been incredible all year, and in particular in the last 2 home games against Wimbledon and Southend where the numbers were great as was the atmosphere. As I am writing this the weather doesn't look too great but hopefully we can have more of the same.

With regards to today, I hope the weather doesn't ruin what could be a good game as it did last week and also when we went to Guildford in the return fixture. Last week was incredibly tough to play in and we didn't make the most of having the wind on our side, leaving a tough 2nd half, however the team did improve, the effort levels increased and we managed to get that all important win. That being said, and such is the closeness of the league, despite the win we still dropped to 2nd due to failing to get the bonus point and Guernsey having a superior point's difference. With 6 games remaining it does make for an exciting finish to the season, and means if we want to win the title the likelihood is we need to obtain all 30 points available to us and hopefully knock up a few heavy wins along the way.

As a team we know that last week we fell short of the high expectations we put on ourselves and it cost us a point, and despite the interruptions to our training this week due to the weather, we as a group are fully committed to getting back on track and achieving the full 5 points today. From day 1 our target was to win this league and with 6 games to go we are in a fantastic position to achieve that, but we can afford no more slip ups!

Enjoy the game.

*Danny Cleare*

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club  
- Backs & Attack Coach



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4 Alex Burrill

5 Harrison Phillips

6 Ollie Millward

7 Sam Kettle

8 Joseph Garner

9 Edward Crossley

10 Luke Evans

11 Joe Wigmore

12 Joe Millington

13 Christian King

14 Jordan Gomez

15 Ieuan Jones

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17 Greg Holt

18 Charlie Cutting

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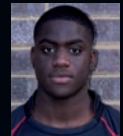
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## Mark Billings

**NAME** – Mark Billings

**D.O.B** – 13/04/1987

**POSITION** – Wing / Fullback

**NICKNAME** – Billz

**WEIGHT** – 86kg

**HEIGHT** – 180cm

**SPORTING HERO** – Jonny Wilkinson

**NON SPORTING HERO** – Will Smith

**SOMETHING ABOUT YOU WE WOULDN'T KNOW**

– My first name is Mark

**WHAT SPORT DO YOU LIKE APART FROM RUGBY?**

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