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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 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 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 1 (North) and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## RICKI GOULD

**NAME** – Ricki Gould

**D.O.B** – 27/08/1997

**POSITION** – Scrum Half

**NICKNAME** – Rick

**WEIGHT** – 82kg

**HEIGHT** – 5ft 8ins

**FAVOURITE FOOD** – Greggs  
steak bake

**FAVOURITE DRINK** – Redbull

**BEST RUGBY MEMORY** – Playing at Twickenham... lost though

**WORST RUGBY MEMORY** – Face plant vs Southend

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

1 – Craig Strachan, teach him a thing or two, he's stupid

2 – My old mate Hamid, lift engineer. Helpful

3 – Piers Morgan, debate with Craig over weird stuff

**FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM** – Fombo

**WORST DRESSED** – Beero

**LONGEST IN THE SHOWER** – Fombo



# Coaches Corner

Good afternoon everyone, I think in my four seasons at the club this is the first time I've written in the programme so it's long overdue.

A lot has changed at the club in those four seasons I have been here, one of my roles at the club is to make a clear pathway for the clubs mini and youth to senior rugby. A big part of that is to make the link between the 1st squad and mini and youth closer. The way we look to achieve this is by bringing the 1st team squad down to help in the mini's training sessions on a Saturday morning 2/3 times throughout the season. Youth training is guided a bit differently, as me and the other 1st team coaching staffs actually take training sessions for the youth teams. This allows us to have a look at the future of the club and help us monitor them.

Last year we set up an Academy which I coach with the other Academy coaches, a lot of work and effort has gone into this to allow us to give a clear pathway from youth into senior rugby, with the goal being getting home grown players playing in the 1st team.

Moving on I suppose I better give my view on last week's game as I spent the majority of it on the side line, to be honest it was pretty cold out there and the thought of being in a big sub suit was too good to miss so I managed to get myself injured. The game started really well, we kept the ball for long periods of time in doing so we scored a good old-fashioned catch and drive from 10 meters out. As forwards coach we have done quite a bit of work on this over the last couple of weeks so it was nice to get a couple scores from them. The game as a whole was very pleasing, the set piece went really well with backs making good ground and they looked threatening when they had the ball in hand. There are things we need to work on, but we

will always be critical of ourselves as we look to get better every week.

Today's opposition Old Priorians are fairly new to me as I have never played against them. There are having a good season winning 7 of their 11 games so we know we must be at our best to keep the winning start going, otherwise they will cause us a few problems if we are not. Our next and last home game of the year on 15th of December is against local rivals Southend, which we know will be a different test when they come to us as they will look to try and even the score. So all support would be welcomed and the day will not disappoint.

Enjoy the game and hopefully I haven't bored you all too much.

*Guessy*

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Coach





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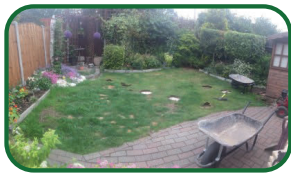





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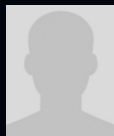
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# Chairman's Message

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

Today we welcome Old Priorians to Magnolia Road, it has been a few seasons since we last met. While writing this, Ricky Wiseman proudly announced he scored his first ever 1st XV try against Old Priorians. This was followed by a full description of it being a five meter drop over the line which all forwards know how to score. Well I hope today that we can continue the run we have enjoyed for a while and reverse the result from our last encounter.

The Ball boys are the under 13s today.

We now have two games to go until the Christmas break next week we are away to Old Haberdashers before the eagerly awaited local derby against Southend, who will come to Magnolia Road for the first time in many years. This is going to be the Christmas lunch.

Please can all supporters and diners leave your cars at home and take a taxi or even walk, as the club house will be for people lunching only we will have an outside bar and two covered areas for all supporters. Once lunch is finished club will be cleared for all to use again.

Following that game will be an Oasis tribute band, these guys are really good and always draw a big crowd and the entertainment goes on until late to start off the festivities in style.

We are currently selling RFU raffle tickets and for every ticket we sell the RFU gives us back 90pence the prizes are great so I would encourage everyone to buy a ticket. John Archer is the main man so if you want to buy one or even take a couple of books to sell to your friends he will be happy to help. All money raised will go towards the floodlights we will be looking to raise as much as possible from donations, grants and other fundraising.

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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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*Referee*

Ivan Kennedy (RFU SEG)

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## JOSEPH HURLEY

**NAME** – Joseph Hurley

**D.O.B** – 09/04/1999

**POSITION** – Back row

**NICKNAME** – Hurley10

**WEIGHT** – 105kg

**HEIGHT** – 6ft 2ins

**FAVOURITE FOOD** – Taco Bell

**FAVOURITE DRINK** – Strongbow  
Dark Fruit

**BEST RUGBY MEMORY** – Beating my old team (Eton Manor)

**WORST RUGBY MEMORY** – Getting beat by the Welsh

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

- 1 – Lee Evans
- 2 – Phil Wang and his Kill Bill suit
- 3 – Jack Whitehall

**FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM** – Beero

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**LONGEST IN THE SHOWER** – Dockers





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