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Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club

Versus
Esher RFC



Saturday 30th April 2022 Kick Off 3.00pm



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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Today we welcome Esher rugby club, who for most of the season have been either at the top of our league or very close to it. They need a bonus point win today to secure the league title with Redruth breathing down their necks only 4 points behind.

Our very first game of National rugby was away at Esher, and we gave a very good account of ourselves, and we came away just short on the day. With John Inverdale heavily involved and coached by that England legend Peter Winterbottom I am not surprised they are top as they seek to continue their journey through National I back to the Championship. We wish them well and welcome all Esher supporters to Magnolia Road today.

So, we can expect Esher to come out all guns blazing, and we will have to raise our game again to repel them. One thing we can expect from Rochford today is that they will not give up. As this is the last game of the season, I am sure the team will give it all they have got.

A big thank you to Hotel Du Lac and Dave Owen for their massive support of the 1st XV this season, and their sponsorship of today's and this season's final lunch and match ball.

Given it is the last game of this season, our first in the National Leagues, what have we learnt? Well, we are good enough to be in this league and with a bit more luck could and perhaps should have won at least another 5 games. We need a bigger squad as injuries have at time decimated the team. The gulf between the top and bottom of the league is huge as we have found out on a few occasions, but on the day anyone in this league can beat anyone.

Redruth were out of sight at half time and only just won in the end after we roasted them in the second half is just one example.

Thanks must go to the 'regulars' who attend most if not all pre match lunches. Your support is much appreciated.

Today is our first 'Former Players Reunion' lunch and we welcome very much indeed all our former players. If you have not been to Rochford for a while, you will notice some changes, noticeably the perimeter fencing, the pitch fencing, the ticket office, outside bar and BBQ area and a new set of top notch floodlights. Who will be the first to start the after match singing some of the old songs we used to sing 'back in the day'? Will it be Colin Cushing and his rendition of Wimmerway, Ray Wilson going on a Lion Hunt or Alan Gander going round sunshine mountain or not wanting to join the army? Or will someone else take up the lead?

Amongst the former players is Matt Barber. Matt is a former player coming up through youth rugby to play many seasons in the 1st team. He is now a club sponsor and a mortgage protection adviser with his company Zing Mortgages. You will notice there are Zing Mortgages business cards on your table giving you the contact details for Matt. Matt is able to offer a FREE of charge personal review of your mortgage and financial insurance options and then arrange appropriate routes forward from a wide range of market panel providers. Specifically, Matt can assist you with all types of mortgage loans, life insurance, critical illness insurance, income protection insurance and medical insurance. Like a lot

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Our next event is the End of Season Awards Dinner on Saturday May 14, 7 for 7.30. Our guest speaker is Andy Goode, and I am sure he will not only talk about times past but express his views about today's game, especially concerning England. Who will be Club person of the Year, who will win the Presidents Award as well the various team awards? Come along for a great evening out by booking your place at **HOSPITALITY@ROCHFORDRUGBY.COM**

That is followed by our AGM on Thursday May 19, starting at 7.30. We have a lot of important business to decide, including a decision on membership fees for next season. This is your club so come along and support both events.

Lastly, please support your team as loudly as you want to but remember the Referee and the Assistant Referees will make mistakes, just like the players from Rochford and Esher will make mistakes. They do not need reminding they have made a mistake so please respect the officials and both sets of players. Lets hope the sun shines and we all have enjoyable last game of the season and I look forward to seeing many of you again next season.

Have a great day.

Ray Stephenson

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Chairman



Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

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The club was formed in 1923 when four rugby enthusiasts agreed to start a club. One of the quartet, a Welshman, insisted that the club should adopt his native Welsh club's colours, which is why Esher adopted the black and amber of Newport.

When the league system was introduced in 1987 Esher were placed in London 1 but were relegated in the first season and did not win promotion back to that league until 1993.

Esher were first promoted to the national leagues system for the 1997–98 season, finishing fourth in National League 2 South. They led for most of the season the following year but finished second but won promotion in 1999–00.

The club set new points record when winning National Division Two in 2006–07 and were thus

promoted. They were promoted into the second tier, the RFU Championship after winning National League 1 in 2009–10. They played in the Championship for two seasons before being relegated back into National League 1 for the 2012–13 season.

In 2020, the club announced a 2-year agreement to share their ground with RFU Championship side London Scottish starting in 2021–22. However it was later confirmed that Scottish would remain at Richmond Athletic Ground.

The clubhouse is situated within 23 acres of freehold land and has excellent amenities for players, spectators, and corporate guests, with dining facilities for up to 200, whilst the ground contains a large stand and capacity for 1,800 supporters.

The club is led by a formidable management team which includes Chairman of Rugby and BBC Sports presenter, John Inverdale and Executive Director and former England international, Simon Halliday as well as Director of Rugby, England legend, Peter Winterbottom.

Esher shared the world record for most tries in a competitive match when they ran in a total of 22 on their way to a record 148-0 thrashing of Manchester on the opening afternoon of the 2009/10 National One season. It equalled the world record set by Australia against Namibia in the 2003 World Cup.



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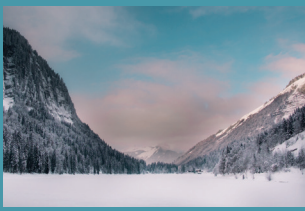
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Well here we are the last game of what has been a very long and challenging year. After 3 consecutive promotions and then an 18 month layoff we finally reached the dizzy heights of National League rugby and although it has been hard at times it has been equally enjoyable. As a club a lot of lessons have been learnt and a lot has, and is, happening off the field to ensure the infrastructure is in place moving forward. On the field a lot has been learnt to and moving into next year we are more aware now what we need to do to compete at this level and this includes having a deeper squad and a competitive second team so we can deal with injuries and having more competition for places.

The season as a whole has been a success if we think about where we were as a club financially after Covid and losing the majority of our coaching staff and having to stabilise what was a very turbulent time for the club. Despite these challenges the club is in a much better place now and the team assembled which consists mostly of local players has really competed against some National League giants. Particular highlights include beating Henley and OA's away and even our come back at home against Redruth to finish with 2 losing bonus points with the last play of the game was special. We have also given a lot of game time to a lot of young players which has exposed them to rugby at this level and hopefully this core of young talented players will take this club forward and ensure we can consolidate at this level for years to come.

Naturally as the season comes to an end, we say goodbye to people and I would like to show my appreciation to Mark Billings, Harry Hudson, Todd Bailey and Sam Fombo who have been instrumental in getting this club to where it is. I would also like to show my gratitude to James Kellard who has not only rolled back the years and played like a 27-year-old at times rather than 37 but has also been a pleasure to work alongside for the last 5 seasons. His commitment and professionalism is unquestionable and he fully deserves his retirement away from the game.

This club is also run by and held together by volunteers and club people that without them the club would fall on its knees. Therefore it is also important I thank Tracey, Seonaid and Sally for the food all the year, Lou and all the bar staff for the jugs after games and putting up with

our nonsense, Ray and Paul who have helped stabilise the club during a turbulent time, my coaching staff and players who have been fantastic to work with, and finally Adam Faherty who for me is an absolute asset to this club and to our first team. The work Adam does behind the scenes which often goes unnoticed is incredible and we are extremely lucky to have him. There are many others that do outstanding work at this club and even if I haven't mentioned you by name – Thank you!

Lastly welcome to Esher who have had an outstanding season so far and fully deserve to be top of the league. Starting with Esher away was a massive wake up call to the level and despite a 20 point loss that day it was a competitive and enjoyable game. If Esher win today, they become league champions and if that is the case we would like to wish you well in National 1 next year. That being said we will be doing everything in our power to spoil the party.

Enjoy the Game.

Danny Cleare

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
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 Esher	29	24	1	4	1060	593	467	22	2	122
 Redruth	29	24	1	4	954	465	489	19	1	118
 Clifton	29	21	1	7	1129	665	464	21	4	111
 Worthing	29	19	1	9	834	627	207	21	6	105
 Leicester Lions	28	19	0	9	801	550	251	16	5	97
 Henley	29	15	3	11	746	691	55	14	4	84
 Bury St Edmunds	29	15	2	12	863	713	150	13	6	83
 Dings	29	14	1	14	806	790	16	18	6	82
 Guernsey	27	13	1	13	696	752	-56	14	4	72
 O Albanian	29	13	0	16	838	772	66	16	9	72
 Barnes	29	10	5	14	698	707	-9	11	5	66
 Canterbury	28	10	2	16	597	673	-76	10	4	58
 Hinckley	28	9	0	19	683	807	-124	12	9	57
 Rochford Hundred	28	7	0	21	506	893	-387	7	7	42
 Barnstaple	29	4	0	25	415	983	-568	0	2	18
 Westcliff	29	3	0	26	379	1324	-945	4	2	18

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Saturday 30th April 2022

Time	Match	Venue
15:00	Barnes v Hinckley	Chiswick RFC
15:00	Barnstaple v Clifton	Pottington Road
15:00	Canterbury v Bury St Edmunds	The Marine Travel Ground
15:00	Dings Crusaders v Westcliff	Shaftesbury Park
15:00	Leicester Lions v Redruth	TMDP Park
15:00	O Albanian v Henley	The Woollams
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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 National League 2 South and we can look back on 60 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

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