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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

JAMIE DOUGLAS

NAME – Jamie Douglas

D.O.B – 25/04/1993

POSITION – Second row/back row

NICKNAME – Doug, Dougie,
Doug the head

WEIGHT – 100kg

HEIGHT – 6ft 3"

FAVOURITE FOOD – I'll eat anything

FAVOURITE DRINK – Piña Colada

BEST RUGBY MEMORY

– Harrys headless/melt down during training at cam

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – Dudman's breath

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

1 – Danny Cleare or Lewis Brunger - could finally find out the truth
(if you know you know)

2 – My box

3 – Can't narrow it down to three but it would be any of Marsha May,
Leya Falcon, Phoenix Marie, Riley Reid, Aerial X, Bonnie Rotten, Nina
Hartley and other ... (you don't want to know why)

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Luke Court-Rhind

WORST DRESSED – Danny Cleare by a country mile (Scuffed white
trainers, light blue denim boot cut jeans with a white and green Pretty
Green t-shirt)

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Tough call between Sam Fombo
and Harry Hudson but I'd say Sam Fombo



Director of Rugby Report

Welcome to Colchester, in what should be a great game between the two best teams in this division. Our win there earlier in the year was hard fought, and we certainly had to fight hard for the win. Consequently Colchester have won every game, and over the season have beaten Walsham twice which is no mean feat.

Today will see a big crowd, a good dinner and highlight the progression the club is making. We have to, as supporters more so than others, remain grounded and stay positive throughout the tough times in games. Today might be one of those days and I sense that we all have been spoilt a little bit, and in those tougher moments of the games remain positive. One day we will lose and we will get better from it. Last week I heard talk of been sloppy etc, which I found hard to comprehend in all honesty. We blew them away, scored some outstanding tries and the game was never in doubt. I call that professional in anyone's book. Be the most positive you have been all season, and please make a big effort to be outside prior to the players coming out this does make a difference.

The last month has seen us experimenting with structures and getting feedback from the lads on how we can improve and the proof will be in the pudding after the next two games. I back what we have done here, and we are always looking to evolve and get better. I'm seeing signs in the last few weeks this is really knitting together and we are challenging ourselves. This has included close

involvement from the players and will be something we will use again.

On another note it's nice to see England regaining some real form leading into a World Cup, and it's no coincidence that with many top players all playing together and being fit at the same time results have been impressive. That's the key to me and the bit of luck you need. The defensive performance especially in Ireland was something we can all learn from and admire and will be something that will determine today's winner.

Enjoy the game

Chris Green

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club
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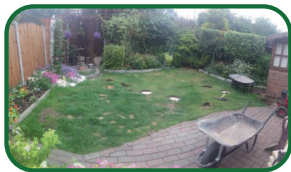
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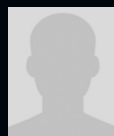
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Chairman's Message

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

Earlier in the season we had a tough encounter at Colchester, with a large crowd that was very vocal cheering on both sides. We managed to get the better of Colchester on the day, but I fully expect a top of the table clash today with two very good teams both playing for the league title.

We have the girls with us today raising money for the top pitch and their tour. The girl's section is a very well supported part of the club and have had many successes with girls wearing international colours. The U13 girls alongside the under 11s will be our Mascots, and like the girls, the mini section is a big part of the club. We are investing in the new pitches at the top which will allow us to hold more festivals at the club rather than having to travel all the time.

Sponsors today are Grassed Up, and I am glad to say we see Pete now making great progress after his accident earlier in the year, we were all worried for a time but he is now on the mend, and we thank Pete and Tony for their continued support of the club. Also today Simon Wakefield and his band of older members join us for the lunch as some of you know Simon stepped down as club Secretary but he is still very involved with other duties so thanks for the on-going support too Simon.

Sponsorship has real benefits which includes 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 sponsorships are still available, so if you would like to sponsor a player from the squad please let us know.

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.

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.

Peter Van Den Broeck

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Chairman



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Simon Waite (RFU SEG)

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PLAYER PROFILE

MARK WILLIAMS

NAME – Mark Williams

D.O.B – 03/01/1983

POSITION – S&C Coach, Former Prop

NICKNAME – 4 Laps

WEIGHT – 96kg

HEIGHT – 178cm

FAVOURITE FOOD – Non-vegan

FAVOURITE DRINK – Havana Club Rum

BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Winning National 3 South

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – Mount's Bay

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

- 1 – Liam Gallagher
- 2 – Frank - John Gotti stories
- 3 – Anyone but Dudman - Halitosis issues

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Jamie laugh-a-minute Douglas

WORST DRESSED – Danny Cleare

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Fombo





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