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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

On behalf of Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club, I would like to welcome Hinckley RFC to Magnolia Road today. When we visited them earlier in the season as guests, we were treated fantastically even though the match result did not go our way.

We hope to return that hospitality today and get a result on the pitch in our favour. This will be Hinckley's one and only visit to Magnolia Road as the league restructure proposed for next season will see them in a different National 2 league, assuming it all goes through as predicted.

I would also like to welcome today's sponsors, Grassed Up. Grassed Up are owned by Peter Jeffrey, a long-standing member of Rochford Hundred who came through our youth ranks. Pete has been a sponsor of the club for many years now and this season he has provided the new paths around the 1st team pitch and increased the size of the mini car park. But he has not finished yet, as he is still going to complete the footpath around the pitch and erect to some additional fencing at the top of the ground such that the entire ground will be secure. These latest additions will take place after the season ends and be complete before the start of next season.

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As I always do, my request to you all is make as much noise as you want in supporting the teams today bit, please do not abuse the officials or players and show respect to them during the game. But please, really enjoy today and have a great time at Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club.

Have a great day

Ray Stephenson

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Chairman



Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

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DAMIEN BRAMBLEY

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WEIGHT – 97kg

POSITION – Centre

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In the 1970s and 80s the club went out like Tigers and came in like lambs. In 1973, a powerful Hinckley side got through to the last 16 of the John Player Cup where they lost to Leicester Tigers 16-4. It's rumoured that the Hinckley front row took 4 against the head against the Leicester front row, including the England and Lions international Peter Wheeler but a win was not to be!

Other John Player Cup games against Sale and Northampton followed and further County Cup successes achieved but due to a lack of leadership, the demise of the colts set up and the advent of leagues, the club ended the 1980s with 3 straight league demotions. The club was possibly at its darkest hour residing itself in Leicestershire Division One. However, it rebuilt, set up new coaching structures and climbed the leagues to be where they are now.



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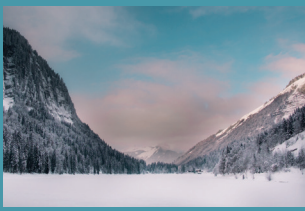
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COACHES CORNER

Last week was not just the best result of our season but the best result in the club's history. There is no way a few years ago that you would ever imagine Rochford beating a National League giant like Henley in their own back yard. Not only that but we were really good value for the win and in fact the margin should have been a lot higher. We conceded 2 late tries in the last 6 minutes which flattered Henley, and on top of that we dropped 1 on the line, had 1 held up over the line, and had 2 line breaks resulting in just being pulled short meters from the line. All this with a very changed team due to injury and illness so massive to everyone involved.

We have had a real focus recently on having a better intent in our attack consisting of varying our play and playing at a higher tempo and this was clear to see all game. Our accuracy wasn't always there in the first half, but the intent was and that was what was most pleasing. In the second half we dominated and was great value for our lead scoring some excellent tries. One of those tries was for stalwart Mark Billings who made his 100th cap for the club and showed there is still life in the old dog yet.

Today we welcome Hinckley who have had a pretty similar season to us; a number of close loses but also a number

of memorable wins, and their win last week against Worthing must be right up there. When we last played Hinckley we had a real close contest and came away disappointed we didn't get the win especially after the early red card, but Hinckley showed how dangerous they are with a very powerful pack and some lively backs, in particular the winger who was on loan from WASPS. I am sure today will be of similar fashion and we will be in for a cracking match.

Enjoy the Game.

Danny Cleare

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Head Coach



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RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

No.	Name
1	Oscar Harper
2	Dale Bowyer
3	Sam Greening
4	James Moreton
5	Andrew Weaver
6	Adam Johnson
7	Harry Bower
8	Alex Salt (<i>Captain</i>)
9	Ben Pointon
10	Joe Wilson
11	Callum Dacey
12	Cameron Coates
13	Euan Kelly
14	Dylan Weddle
15	Rory Vowles

Substitutes

16	Luke Johnson
17	Ewan Bartlett
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TRAVEL COSTS

Early in 2020 we got the first fixture list for our games in National 2 South. These came in after we had been closed completely due to the pandemic and we were looking at having to travel long distances to places such as Guernsey, Redruth and Barnstaple. These were the longest journeys we would have to undertake, but we also have trips to Worthing, Hinckley, Leicester and a couple to Bristol as well.

Money was tight and sponsorship very difficult to come by. We were faced with a large cost for travelling to all our away games so I asked all our Vice Presidents if they would be kind enough to help with these travelling costs. We had a just brilliant response.

But then the 2020/21 season was cancelled. So we did not spend the money, but carried it over. The 2021/22 season did begin and has been played with only a few games called off due to the pandemic, one of them being Guernsey away for us. We have already been to Barnstaple and going to Redruth around easter time.

The total money donated by the Vice Presidents to offset our travelling costs to away games is £8260 with most VP's donating £500 or more. We can't thank you all enough and I list below the names of all those who donated to the cost of travelling as I think you should all know who has been kind enough to help us at our time of need.



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 Redruth	25	20	1	4	779	419	360	16	1	99
 Clifton	25	19	0	6	944	564	380	17	3	96
 Worthing	25	18	0	7	767	535	232	19	5	96
 Henley	25	14	3	8	662	562	100	13	4	79
 Leicester Lions	24	15	0	9	650	491	159	12	5	77
 Bury St Edmunds	25	13	2	10	683	613	70	10	5	71
 Guernsey	23	13	0	10	599	560	39	11	4	67
 Dings	25	11	1	13	690	694	-4	15	6	67
 O Albanian	25	11	0	14	719	640	79	13	8	60
 Barnes	25	8	5	12	602	601	1	9	5	56
 Hinckley	24	9	0	15	595	677	-82	10	6	52
 Canterbury	24	9	1	14	496	550	-54	7	4	49
 Rochford Hundred	24	6	0	18	437	703	-266	6	6	36
 Westcliff	25	2	0	23	340	1213	-873	4	2	14
 Barnstaple	25	2	0	23	348	848	-500	0	2	10

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Saturday 12th February 2022

Time	Match	Venue
14:30	Barnstaple v Barnes	Pottington Road
15:00	Bury St Edmunds v Westcliff	GK IPA Haberdern
15:00	Canterbury v Clifton	The Marine Travel Ground
15:00	Dings Crusaders v Henley	Shaftesbury Park
15:00	Guernsey v Esher	Footes Lane
14:00	Leicester Lions v O Albanian	TMDP Park
15:00	Rochford Hundred v Hinckley	The Rugby Park
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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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