



Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club Versus Old Cooperians RFC



Saturday 10th March 2018 Kick Off 3.00pm



Referee - Joe Binfield (Gloucester Society)

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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 Westeliffians 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 Westeliffians 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 goahead 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 2 (North East) and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.



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10th March 2018 v Old Cooperians 7th April 2018 v Norwich 14th April 2018 v Sudbury

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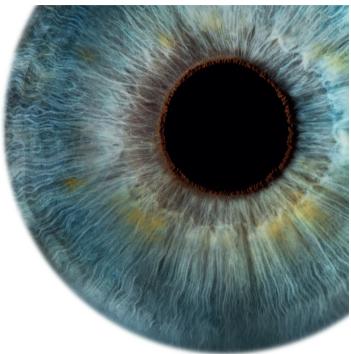


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PLAYER PROFILE

TOM CORBET

NAME - Thomas Corbet

D.O.B - 01/11/1987

POSITION – Hooker/Flanker

NICKNAME - Corbs

WEIGHT -0.08 tone

HEIGHT – 16.75 hands

FAVOURITE FOOD – Gluten free

FAVOURITE DRINK – Gluten free liquid

BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Highest try scorer Rochford 1sts

WORST RUGBY MEMORY - Two relegations from London I

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

- I Will Ferrell very funny
- 2 Bear Grylls would probably find us something to eat or drink
- 3 Rick Stein would probably make Bears food suggestions taste nice and a very interesting man

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM - Craig Strachan

WORST DRESSED - Beero

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Sam Fombo









Rugby Coaching Report

Welcome to the Director of Rugby report.

Welcome to Coopers in what should be a difficult fixture against a team that I expect to get out of trouble. They have players with good experience and quality and I wish them well after today's game. For ourselves we have to dust ourselves off and get better after what was a crushing defeat in the National Cup. Winning well every week and not been tested at times was definitely a factor but I must say we were beaten by the better team. Having been involved in teams of a National 2 standard over the years they are definitely of that standard and I'm sure they will go on and win the competition.

We must learn though and embrace this experience as an opportunity to learn. We were never as great as some might of thought but consequently not as bad after one defeat all season. It's important to keep an even keel and keep a honesty to our work. Last week is a sharp reminder of this just like England's loss in Scotland last week. Good teams will always come back even stronger and I'm sure we will do that.

What motivates us for the rest of the season? Easy, winning a league first...... can we go unbeaten can we avoid dropping a point all season? There are lots of targets within the end goal and we must draw motivation to win the league. How many people do this in their careers? Not many. So all to play for. Looks like the Essex Cup Semi Final against Westcliff will be played on Saturday 31st of March with our rearranged league game at Harlow on the 17th March. My understanding of the Westcliff

game is that it will be both teams 1st XV so should be a massive day locally. Plenty to look forward to

Finally two events I'm directly involved in are the End of Season Awards Evening with Dick Best on the I Ith May and Matt Linnen from X Factor on April 27th, tickets available behind the bar. These are selling fast so if you are coming please snap them up as quick as possible. Let's get behind the lads for the final push and make it the most impressive in our history.

Chris Green

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

- Director of Rugby





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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 Cooperians to Magnolia Road. It will be good to get back to focusing on the league and our push for promotion after all the excitement of the National Cup. I would like to thank everyone who made the journey which was a great day even if the result did not go the way we wanted. The lads gave everything on the day and also would like to thank all the traveling support.

The Minis pitches are now moving in the right direction with the exec agreeing to proceed with the development of the pitches for our Mini and youth sections. This will be mainly for the minis and allow us to hold festivals each year with the space it creates. It is really important that our minis facilities allow us to grow participation and who knows a future International.

We have had some really good news from our girls section we have found a coach for the under 13s so he will soon be attending the courses he needs. We have also had Tina Leslie, Tasmin Jackson and Catelyn Etherington on the success with England Schools.

Sponsorship has real benefits which include 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 sponsorship is coming around again so if you would like to sponsor a player from the squad please let us know.

FUTURE EVENTS

I6th March – Family Games and Race night – FREE Entry. Doors open 7pm with first races at 8pm. So if you like a little flutter then come along.

27th April - We have X Factor finalist Matt Linnen performing at the club, with special guests. Tickets are £10 per person and available from behind the bar or via Chris Green tickets selling fast please do not miss the chance to come and see him live.

11th May – End of Season Awards Evening with guest speaker Dick Best. Please reserve your place via me at £20 per person

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. We have increased our membership this year with many members enjoying the benefit this brings.

Always remember that our beautiful game is built on **RESPECT** so jeering or bad language is not acceptable at any time.

Peter Van Den Broeck

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Chairman







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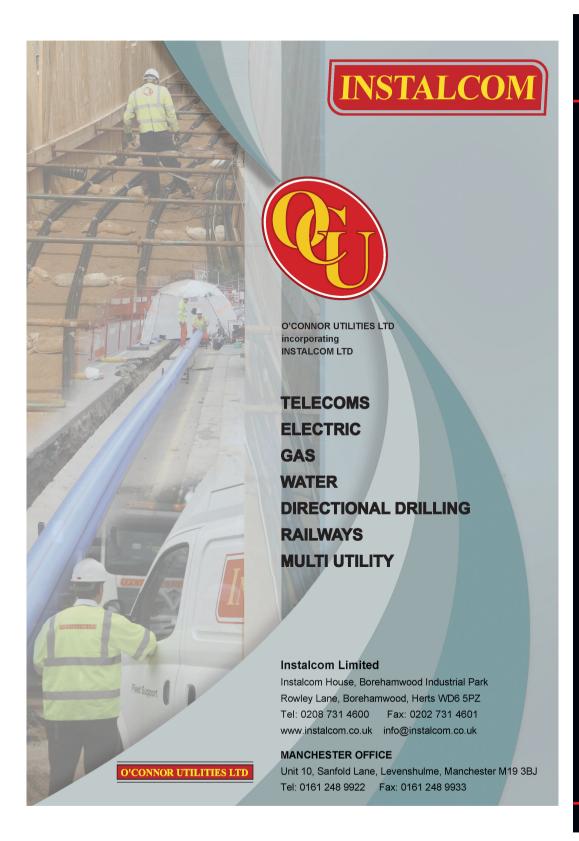
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PLAYER PROFILE

SAM EDWARDS

NAME - Sam Edwards

D.O.B - 6/11/85

POSITION – Wing/Fullback/Front row

NICKNAME – Jonah Slomu

WEIGHT - 93kg

HEIGHT - 175cm

FAVOURITE FOOD – Pancakes

FAVOURITE DRINK – Guinness

BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Scoring a hat trick in Berkshire cup final

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – being chased around a changing room by my entire forward pack in an attempt to put an ice cube where I really didn't want it to go. (Please note - no successful attempts were made)

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

- I Ricky Gould he would bore me to sleep in no time
- 2 Kev Anderson he always has either jelly beans or biltong with him
- 3 Steve Jay He would provide no practical benefits but would be upset if I didn't mention him

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Me

WORST DRESSED - Not me

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Sam Fombo

- there's a lot to wash









Statistcs & League Table

MOST APPEARANCES

MOST POINTS

MOST TRIFS





2. **S Whatling**Openside Flanker

3. **M Billings** Full Back



I. **T Ashton** Fly Half

20

20

20

2. **M Billings**Full Back

3. **M Stewart**Outside Centre



193

155

105

I. **M Billings** Full Back

2. **M Bennett**Left Wing

31

20

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3. **S Whatling**Openside Flanker



London 2 North East League

#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts	Adj
1.	Rochford Hundred	17	8	0	0	9	0	0	17	0	0	998	143	855	85	17
2.	Sudbury	17	8	0	1	6	0	2	14	0	3	806	266	540	73	17
3.	Wanstead	17	7	0	2	5	1	2	12	1	4	544	372	172	64	14
4.	Norwich	17	7	0	2	4	0	4	11	0	6	548	280	268	57	12
5.	Harlow	17	6	0	2	2	1	6	8	1	8	453	539	-86	44	10
6.	Romford & Gidea Park	17	6	1	2	1	0	7	7	1	9	352	620	-268	36	6
7.	Ipswich	17	5	0	4	2	0	6	7	0	10	315	565	-250	34	6
8.	Epping Upper Clapton	17	5	0	3	1	0	8	6	0	11	352	540	-188	32	8
9.	Cantabrigian	17	3	0	5	2	0	7	5	0	12	307	605	-298	27	7
10.	Chelmsford	17	3	0	5	2	0	7	5	0	12	297	649	-352	27	7
11.	Woodford	17	2	0	6	2	0	7	4	0	13	369	653	-284	23	7
12.	Old Cooperians	17	2	1	6	2	0	6	4	1	12	328	437	-109	22	4





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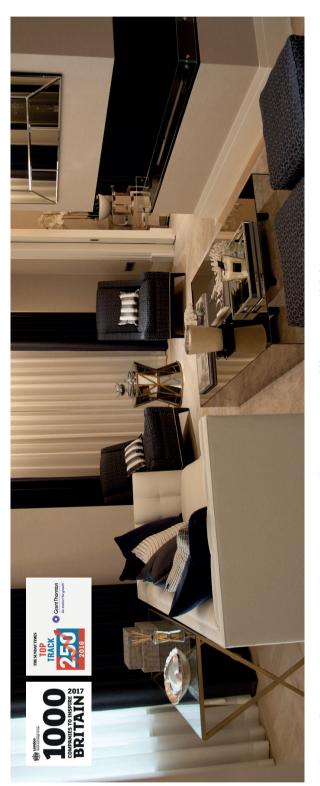
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