



Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club

Versus Henley RFC





Saturday 1st April 2023 Kick Off 3.00pm



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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 of January 1962 at the Bull Inn, Hawkwell, 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 of the Club 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. Bob was Head of PE at the local comprehensive school and brought along many pupils from the school to play for Rochford.

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 several players from Rochford Comprehensive School (now King Edmund), Rayleigh Secondary Modern School (now Fitzwimarc) and Sweyne School. Indeed David Allen (founder of DHL and 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.

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. 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.



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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

In 1971/72, when Malcolm Fleming was captain, there were two memorable games 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 at that time.

The pitches in those early days at Magnolia Road were frankly dreadful but over the years there has been considerable work done on them and the 1st XV pitch is now one of the best plating surfaces in Essex. 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 to the top pitch.

Our youth section started in 1991 has gone from strength to strength and provides players for our 1st XV and other club teams. In past seasons our Mens 1st XV has been almost entirely made up of former youth players and we have a strong, growing ladies' team, the Rochford Hundred Vixens together with a girl's section.

The Mens 1st XV played a lot of its rugby from the turn of the century in the London Leagues, dropping up and down from London 1 to London 3. Around this time the Essex Senior Cup was the major trophy to win and up until 1999 Rochford had never won it. In that year we reached the final and played Basildon at Westcliff in front of huge crowd, Rochford were triumphant that day to record their first ever win of the Essex Senior Cup. After that we reached many Essex Senior and Intermediate Cup Finals, winning them a further 6 times, before the Cup lost some of its glamour, and we are now too high in the league structure to be able to compete in the competition.

In 2017 the Mens 1st XV were playing in London 2 North East when we decided to have a concerted push for promotion. The team then went on an incredible journey to take the title by storm without losing a single league game, gaining a bonus point in every one of them, and knocking up 1280 points in the process. Promotion to London 1 North gave us stronger opposition, but we remained unbeaten for the whole season again, repeating gaining a bonus point in every match, and scoring 1480 points. The London Premier League saw us play at the highest level that the club had ever played at before but gave us our 3rd promotion as Champions in consecutive years. Starting our season again unbeaten and with full bonus points, with that run finally came to an end after 54 matches across 3 seasons.

Covid put an early end to this season, and the RFU league algorithm confirmed us as champions, with Guernsey runners up. Our tremendous performance and win away at Guernsey being the pivotal decider in the league placing, and the fact we only lost 2 matches during the whole season too.

We now find ourselves, for the first time in our history, playing National League rugby in National 2 East, somewhere we hope to stay for a long time, being in the top 81 clubs in the country, and we can look back on 60 years of activity with considerable satisfaction



CHAIRMANS MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

A very special welcome to Magnolia Road today to Henley Hawks. With just three games left of the season Henley have very much secured their place in National Two East for next season, unlike Rochford Hundred

We sit two points above North Walsham and three points behind Sevenoaks. While we are playing Henley today, Sevenoaks are at home to Walsham. So a prefect result today for us will see us get a 5 point win and Sevenoaks win with Walsham getting 'nil points', but as we all know rugby results sometimes does not work out how you want them to.

Then on Saturday 15th April we are away at Walsham which is looking like it could be the match that decides which one of us stays up. We finish the season at home on 22nd April to Tonbridge Juddians which is our Former Players Reunion Lunch.

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I hope you all enjoy your time at Rochford today and as is usual from me, please show respect to all players and officials.

Ray Stephenson

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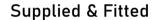
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Henley RFC was founded in August 1930 as Old Henleiensians (old boys of Henley Grammar School). After a break during the war years the club was re-founded in 1954 and changed its name to Henley RFC in 1963. It has been based at Dry Leas since then.

In 1997 the 1st XV was named Henley Hawks.

When the leagues were started in 1987, Henley were placed in RFU South West II.

Henley's fortunes stood still until Clive Woodward, England's future World Cup winning manager, became the 1st XV coach in 1990. His introduction of the "flat ball" philosophy was a pioneering event for British rugby and brought promotion in 1992. Henley gained a further promotion in 1994 to the National Leagues and, after Woodward departed to coach London Irish, Henley continued to play fluid rugby and two further promotions ensued in the 1987-98 and 1998-99 seasons, landing the club in Allied Dunbar 2 (now the RFU Championship).

In 1999 Henley enjoyed a record run in the Tetley Bitter Cup defeating Allied Dunbar 1 club, Bedford in the fourth round before bowing out to Gloucester at Kingsholm in a keenly fought contest.

Henley finished ninth in Allied Dunbar 2 in 1999-00, seventh in 2000-01 but finished 13th in 2001-02 and were relegated to National League 1. Henley immediately returned to the Championship having finished as runners-up in 2002-03 season to Penzance & Newlyn (now Cornish Pirates) followed by a successful season in 2003-04 finishing in 7th place. Relegation back to National 1 followed in 2004-05 when finishing 13th .

Henley remained in National I until 2007-08 season when they were relegated to National League 2 (South). In 2012-13 season Henley were promoted as Champions of National League 2 (South) on 4 May 2013 defeating Worthing Raiders 55 -27 in from of a record National League 2 (South) crowd of 3,270 to National League 1.

Relegation back immediately to National League 2 (South) followed in 2013-14. However, promotion back to National League 1 was secured in 2014-15 only to be followed by relegation again back to National League 2 (South). The yo-yo years!!

Since 2016-17 Henley have continued at National League 2 (South).







COACHES CORNER

Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Henley.

Last weekend we had a lovely early morning to travel to an always gusty Guernsey albeit some nice sunshine as well. The game was end to end and we couldn't have started better racing into a 19-7 lead within the first 20 minutes. Despite having the wind in our favour first half Guernsey actually played the conditions really well and for the second 20 minutes of the half just starved us of the ball and built pressure and scored 4 tries' during that spell.

The second half we had the elements against us, but we again started the half positively and we got the score back to 29-24 and put ourselves in a really strong position but unfortunately it wasn't to be, and we left with just a bonus point, however I think a really good point considering the circumstances.

As well as getting up at 4am for an early flight we also had some horrendous luck and poor officiating decisions that went against us. We lost Ben Thomas in the first 5 minutes of the game, we lost David Rufai just before half time to a horrific bit of foul play that destroyed his medical ligament that also went unnoticed by the officials, and we lost Caley Gray to a head injury for a no arms tackle which also resulted in him getting a yellow card despite getting knocked out in the collision. So, losing 3 important forwards to injury was far from ideal.

Also disappointing was at 29-24 with the game on the line Guernsey scored a try but clearly dropped the ball over the line and it was given anyway.

Obviously, we need to look at our own game but, in this league, we also need a bit of luck on our side which we just aren't getting at the moment.

Rewind 2 weeks ago we played Dorking in another exciting game where both teams tried to play from deep and move the ball around, again we lost that day

but we showed a lot of character to score with the last play of the game to clench a bonus point against one of the best teams in the league. A few weeks ago we had a meeting and set some targets about how many points we need to stay up and in the 3 games since that meeting we have accumulated points in every game, 2 bonus points in the last 2 games and a draw against OA's which gave us a further 2 points, so if we can keep picking up points we are hopeful we can avoid the drop.

Today we welcome Henley who are having a fantastic season so far and currently sit in the top 5 of the league chasing a top 4 spot. Henley have a big strong pack and some very exciting backs with an excellent goal kicker so today will be another very tough challenge, but we had a cracking game at their place, and I am sure today will be the same

Enjoy the game.

Hanny Cleave

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Head Coach





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Worthing RFC	Worthing	23	16	0	7	815	570	245	17	2	83	0
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HERLEY HAWKS	Henley	23	15	0	8	654	520	134	13	4	77	0
BURY	Bury St Edmunds	23	15	0	8	689	546	143	14	2	76	0
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	Tonbridge Juddians	23	13	0	10	608	515	93	12	2	66	0
RAIDERS	Guernsey	23	9	1	13	647	617	30	12	5	55	0
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VIKINGS	North Walsham	23	6	0	17	527	813	-286	7	2	33	0
	Westcliff	23	0	0	23	318	1318	-1000	3	2	0	-5

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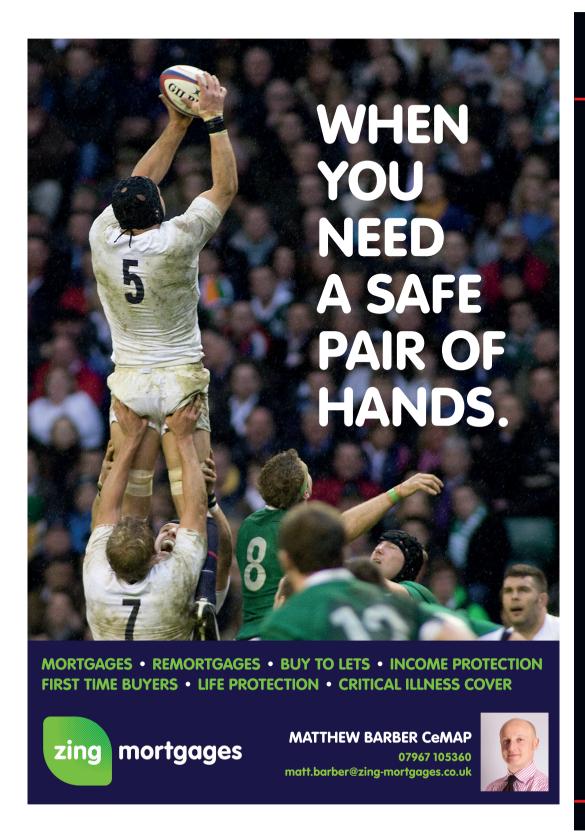
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15:00	Barnes v Blackheath	Queen Elizabeth Way
15:00	Bury St Edmunds v O Albanian	GK IPA Haberden
00:00	Canterbury v Guernsey	The Marine Travel Ground
15:00	Dorking v Tonbridge Juddian	The Big Field
15:00	Rochford Hundred v Henley	The Rugby Park
15:00	Sevenoaks v North Walsham	Knole Paddock
15:00	Worthing v Westcliff	The Rugby Park













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