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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 Totonian 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 London & South East Premier and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

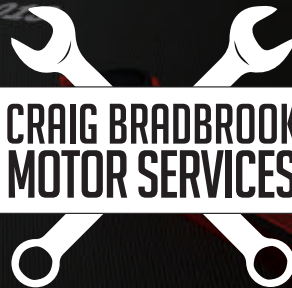
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Cameron Greenhall

NAME – Cameron Greenhall

D.O.B – 28/05/1998

POSITION – Fly Half

NICKNAME – Cam

WEIGHT – 84kg

HEIGHT – 190cm

SPORTING HERO – Jonny Wilkinson / Muhammed Ali

NON SPORTING HERO – Tom Hardy

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU WE WOULDN'T KNOW

– I'm actually 81kg and 193cm

HARDEST OPPONENT FACED – Marcus Smith

MOST ANNOYING TEAM MATE – Ian Meads

ROCHFORD RUGBY HERO – Dockers



Director of Rugby Report

Welcome to Wimbledon RFC, in what should be an exciting game played by two of the three outstanding teams in the league this season. The consistency shown by both teams is a credit to both sets of players, in any other season all three teams' points total would guarantee a play off, unfortunately one team will miss out completely. Every point has to be fought for and every game needs to be treated exactly the same, we can't take anything for granted as obviously games like today could be decisive. The fixture earlier in the season was an exciting game and if today's match is anything like it, it will be a very tense affair.

Last week saw us complete a professional second half performance where in all honesty the game wasn't really in doubt. The lesson learnt is that we can't have patches where we mentally switch off. Any team in this league is capable of beating any other as we have found out ourselves, and we must make sure we are not caught out mentally between now and the seasons' end.

The lunch today sees the return of many former players and we welcome

you back especially the ones who haven't been present for many a year. The food as always will be excellent but if we could make a big effort to be out five minutes before kick off when the players come out this would be a big boost to all involved. The support of the entire club from the community is the envy of local rugby... let's all continue to get behind the lads today.

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Chris Green

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club
- Director of Rugby



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Head/Forwards Coach Report

A warm welcome to Wimbledon, supporters of both teams, officials, as well as neutral observers to what we expect to be a tight and fiercely contested game this afternoon.

January proved a fruitful month for the team, starting with one of our best performances of the season against Bedford Athletic, followed by a fantastic win away to Guernsey, a performance that showed great maturity and strength of character from all players involved. It was also great to see the return of Sonny Gay to the matchday squad in Guernsey after injuring his knee on the opening day of the season at Tring. He has come off the bench in each of the last three games and shown what a valuable player he is to the team.

Whilst the last two games against Sidcup and Tunbridge Wells have been far from perfect performances, the strength of the team is starting to show through, managing to squeeze maximum points from each game despite a slightly lacklustre feel to our performances.

As the season draws towards the closing stages, the league looks set to go down to the wire, and we know, as a group, there is no let up in the importance of each of the remaining games. With three teams at the top of the table chasing down the top two places, every game becomes crucial and as we know from bitter experience, any team in the league is capable of causing an upset in any given week.

This afternoon we welcome Wimbledon to Magnolia Road. Having got the better of us at

their place in October, and being the final game we play against the top three breakaway pack, I am sure there is no need for me to remind you of the challenge ahead of us today, nor the significance of the result. I wish you an enjoyable afternoon, hoping of course that February picks up where January left off.

Chris Waring

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club
- Head/Forwards Coach



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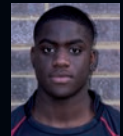
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Jamie Douglas

NAME – Jamie Douglas

D.O.B – 25/04/1993

POSITION – Flanker

NICKNAME – Doug /
Doug the head /Dougie

WEIGHT – 100kg

HEIGHT – 6ft 5"

SPORTING HERO – Dockers

NON SPORTING HERO – Charlie Sheen

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– Get the box out

HARDEST OPPONENT FACED – John Branch's finger nails

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