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Worthing RFC



Saturday 29th January 2022 Kick Off 3.00pm



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Chairmans Welcome

Firstly, a very warm welcome you our visitors today, Worthing RFC.

This is the first time we have played Worthing at Rochford, having lost at their ground earlier in the season on one of the worst weather days we have had this season. It was a truly horrible day in more than one, not only was the weather foul, Worthing also managed the weather better than us and we lost the game. We hope the both the weather and the result will be a better outcome for Rochford today, but we do not underestimate this strong Worthing team who are one of the best teams in National 2 South, so we know we will have a tough afternoon.

If you just paid to get in to watch Rochford today and live in the local area, again, a very warm welcome to you. I hope you enjoy the match today and enjoy our facilities on offer to you. If you do, why not become a Social Member. You will have been given a membership form when you paid, just complete it, and become a Social Member. You will benefit straight away by getting FREE entry o all the games at Rochford for the erst of the season, plus you get a large discount at the bar with your membership card. So come and join us.

If you have come up (or is it down?) from Worthing, again, enjoy your time with us whatever the result and we look forward to seeing you again next season assuming we stay in the same league after the reorganisation in June.

I would also like to welcome our match sponsor

today, who is Simon Wakefield and all his ex-school friends from Greensward School in Hockley. Have a great time reminiscing about 'old times' but don't forget to take some time out to watch the rugby!

Whoever you are, whatever team you support, please get behind your team and be as vocal as you want to be. In fact, if you are supporting Rochford, we really need you to be as vocal as you can be. Our match day announcer, Mark, really tries to whip you all up on a Saturday, with mixed results. Let's all get behind our team, whilst respecting each other and of course not abusing in any way the officials.

Have a great day.

Ray Stephenson

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Chairman



Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

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29th January 2022 v **WORTHING**

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DAVID RUFAI

NAME – David Rufai

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WEIGHT – 85kg

POSITION – Flanker

PREVIOUS CLUBS

– Thurrock, Northumbria University

WHAT'S YOUR PRE MATCH MEAL? – Oats and banana

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Coaches Corner

Firstly, a warm welcome to Worthing and here is hoping for a dryer and more exciting game of rugby than last time we played in sideways wind and rain at your place.

Our last home game against Bury we put in a brilliant performance and dominated most areas of the game except scrum and felt really hard done by not coming away with the win we thought we deserved. But after 4 weeks without playing, we were happy with the performance and felt we really started 2022 positively despite the result.

Last week away at Canterbury we were completely out played and out fought, and it is rare for us to be out fought in a game, but every team has days like that, and it is now up to us to ensure we put that right this week and put in a performance we can be proud of against one of the best teams in the league.

We have been very unfortunate with long term injuries and suffered another one with Mark Billings breaking his cheek bone and would like to wish him a speedy recovery. I would also like to wish our condolences as a club to Mark and his family who suffered tragic loss losing his brother at the start of the year. Mark has been an integral member

of this squad since joining 5-6 years ago and has been a huge factor in the rise of the club being the club top scorer over this period and also helping out the youth at the club.

Today we are expecting an extremely well drilled Worthing team with exciting backs that have been cutting teams open all season. We have worked hard on our defence this week and are hoping we can negate this and fire a few shots ourselves as we know on our day, we can be extremely difficult to play against and are capable of scoring some excellent tries ourselves.

Enjoy the Game.

Danny Cleare

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Head Coach



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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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