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Saturday 26th February 2022 Kick Off 2.00pm



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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Hello everyone,

I would like to extend on behalf of Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club a very warm welcome to our visitors here today, Barnstaple RFC. I hope the long journey up from North Devon was not too tiring on the players. (Well, that is a lie really, we hope they are really knackered).

All joking aside both clubs find themselves at the wrong end of the National 2 South League table. We had a right old game at their place and finished the game with 14 players and lost, hopefully we will keep all 15 on the pitch today and win. Although it is not vital either of us win today in terms of relegation as we all know there is no relegation this season, we really want to win today. Since Christmas and our win over 'that lot down the road' we have lost our last three home games against Bury, Worthing and Old Albanian. If you watched those games, you would know full well we could and possibly should have won all three. Given on their last trip to Essex Barnstaple lost to 'that lot down the road', we hope to be able to win today as well. BUT we do not underestimate the task ahead and we all know we will be in for a very tough indeed, as Barnstaple will be just as keen to win as we are.

Okay, so we have brought today's kick off time forward to 2pm so that we hope people will stay on after and watch the England V Wales game. We hope we will have a decent crowd, but as you will note elsewhere in the programme, we can't compete with Barnstaple's regular attendance figures.

I would like to remind all members that it is our 60th Anniversary Year and our guest speaker at our End of Season Awards dinner is Andy Goode. This year the End of Season Awards dinner is open to all adult members of the club and we are very pleased the Vixens will be presenting their first Player of the Year Awards. We really hope as many of you as possible can come along. The date is Saturday May 14. More

details on how to get tickets and pay to follow.

After many years of reams of paperwork, we have now officially become a Registered Charity. The Charity Commission finally approved our submission late in January. I will explain in more detail what this means for us in the upcoming newsletters and at our AGM in May, but I am very pleased indeed we have now achieved this ambition.

Lastly, as usual from me, please get behind Rochford this afternoon, being aloud as you want to be. I know I have said it before, and I will say it again, your support given to the players is really appreciated. However, this is rugby and not football, so please support good rugby from both sides, give respect to the officials and applaud good play and enjoy your afternoon at Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club.

Ray Stephenson

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Chairman



Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

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PLAYER PROFILE

SAM FOMBO

NAME – Sam Fombo

AGE – 29

HEIGHT – 6'5

WEIGHT – 120kg

POSITION – Second Row

PREVIOUS CLUBS – Southend



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MEAL? – Nothing most the time, but if so Mark and Spencers prawn salad with extra prawn and a sausage roll

FAVOURITE DRINK? – Whisky and Ginger ale

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Barnstaple Football Club was officially founded in 1877, the same year the Wimbledon tennis tournament began, at a meeting of Barnstaple Gentleman at the Fortesque hotel. The meeting decided to play football according to the Rugby Union rules, and that the ball should be kicked off punctually at half-past three for the first game. The local newspaper reported.

"A football match was played on Saturday afternoon in the cricket field at Rumsam, between 15 of the Westward Ho Club and the same number of gentlemen of this town. The game was played on Rugby principle and continued for an hour and a quarter, when only one goal had been made, and that by the Baumites. The playing was marked by great excellence on both sides and the game was most interesting to the spectators who had assembled, and who remained in spite of the incessant rain".

Between the years 1894 and 1903 was a vintage period for Barnstaple rugby as the club produced two England internationals (Charles 'Nobby' THOMAS and Charles HARPER) and for two seasons it was unbeaten at home and won the Devon Senior Cup in 1894 and again in 1901. During this period, Barnstaple played and beat teams such as Swansea, Llanelli, Coventry, and Saracens. The Club was declared 'Champions of the West' in the 1896/7 season. The Club's greatest local rivals were Devonport Albion, and a crowd of about 8,000 attended Devonport's ground to see Barnstaple lose by one try to nil in 1896/7.

Since those times Barnstaple's rugby has had fluctuating fortunes and in 1921 it moved from the field at Rumsam to its current ground at Pottington Road just a few minutes' walk from the centre of town. After WW2 whilst Barnstaple Rugby was in hibernation the Mayor of Barnstaple called a meeting to reform the Club; thus, proving the close link between the Club and the town that bears its name.

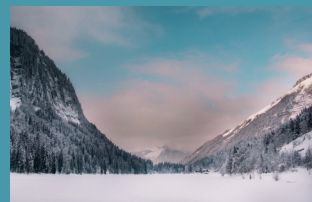
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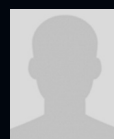
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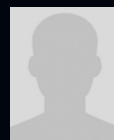
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COACHES CORNER

Welcome to Barnstaple who have made the long trip up to Essex this afternoon.

Last time we played Barnstaple we got out muscled in windy conditions, dropped the ball over the line and lost by 2 points. Today we will be looking to put that right and put in a big performance. Despite not getting the results this year, we feel our home form is really strong and we have played well in all 3 home defeats in 2022.

Today we also welcome Ben Thomas who is making his long-awaited home debut for the club. And I would also like to give Wouter Roters a big mention as since he has come into the squad he has progressed hugely and is putting in some outstanding performances, and at 19 years old was arguably our best player on the pitch last week.

Against Dings we had plenty of strengths but plenty of areas we need to improve on. We scored 5 tries for the first time at this level and was as clinical as we have been in the oppositions red zone. We defended well when we had our defensive line set, and our set piece has really become a strength of ours and this was again evident Saturday. This will need to function today as this a real strength of Barnstable's, but we feel if we can get on

top here then we can really hurt them. We welcome back a few backs this week which adds to our strengths out wide so we hope we can score a few tries today.

Our last home game against OA's we really should have won and was the dominant side for the majority of the match but for 15 minutes in the first half. This was arguably our best performance of 2022 and will be looking to kick on and get that first home win of the year.

Enjoy the Game.

Danny Cleare

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
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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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 Clifton	21	16	0	5	790	434	356	13	3	80
 Esher	20	15	1	4	664	426	238	13	2	77
 Worthing	20	15	0	5	594	404	190	14	3	77
 Henley	21	13	2	6	575	443	132	11	3	70
 Leicester Lions	19	12	0	7	519	393	126	10	4	62
 Bury St Edmunds	20	11	1	8	524	460	64	7	4	57
 Guernsey	18	11	0	7	459	417	42	8	2	54
 O Albanian	21	10	0	11	597	524	73	10	6	51
 Barnes	21	7	5	9	496	517	-21	8	3	49
 Dings	21	7	1	13	559	594	-35	13	6	49
 Hinckley	19	8	0	11	478	490	-12	7	5	44
 Canterbury	20	7	1	12	425	453	-28	6	3	39
 Rochford Hundred	20	4	0	16	353	591	-238	5	6	27
 Barnstaple	21	2	0	19	303	712	-409	0	2	10
 Westcliff	21	1	0	20	258	1034	-776	2	1	7

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Saturday 12th February 2022

Time	Match	Venue
15:00	Bury St Edmunds v Henley	GK IPA Haberden
15:00	Canterbury v Barnes	The Marine Travel Ground
15:00	Dings Crusaders v O Albanian	Shaftesbury Park
15:00	Esher v Redruth	Molesey Road
13:45	Guernsey v Hinckley	Footes Lane
14:00	Rochford Hundred v Barnstaple	The Rugby Park
14:15	Westcliff v Clifton	The Gables
14:00	Worthing v Leicester Lions	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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