



# Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club

Versus Barnes RFC





#### Saturday 18th February 2023 Kick Off 3.00pm



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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 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.



# **Rochford Hundred Rugby Club**

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

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# **CHAIRMANS MESSAGE**

#### Hi everyone, Welcome everyone to Magnolia Road as we welcome Barnes RFC today.

Barnes are enjoying a successful season and currently sit 4th in the league table after being top earlier in the season. In fact, we were both joint top for the first two weeks of the season, but they have stayed around that top area and we have not!

We all know we have put pressure on ourselves by not beating both Sevenoaks and North Walsham but with an injury list now having 25 players on it, who if fit, would all be available for selection for the 1st team, we are up against it. But the team today will give everything they have, and they deserve your backing and support, so please get behind the team today and make as much noise as you can. The North Walsham support was just great and if I am honest just showed us how to get behind a team, we do not seem to make that noise and we really should do.

Today is our Ladies Lunch where we support another local charity. Today we are supporting Safe Steps. Safe Steps is a specialist provider, delivering services in Rochford, Southend, Thurrock, and other areas of Essex. They offer a range of community services to support women, men, young people and children to rebuild their lives after domestic abuse.

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I hope you all enjoy your time at Rochford Hundred RFC today and please remember to respect players from both teams and especially the match officials.

Ray Stephenson

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- Chairman







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### **LEAGUE LUNCHES**

18th February 2023 v BARNES

25th February 2023 v CANTERBURY

I Ith March 2023 v OLD ALBANIAN

18th March 2023 v DORKING

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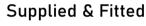
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# **VISITORS INFORMATION**



Barnes Rugby Club is a club with a rich history and was established in Barnes in the 1920's. Although there are indeed possibilities that our earliest recorded match was in November 1862 versus Richmond and played at Barn Elms, it is from the 1920's that our true history is clear.

With the advent of leagues, Barnes, then known as Old Harrodians, were placed in Surrey Three. In 1990/91, the club started the season with no ground or clubhouse after the Harrods store was sold and their sports club in Lonsdale Road, Barnes was sold off and turned into a school. After a big effort from all at the club, a decision was taken to play and train at Barn Elms, and members donated to refurbish a clubhouse adjacent to the land.

By the mid Nineties, the club, now named after the village in which they played, finally climbed out of the Surrey Leagues, and took a while to establish themselves in the London Divisions. Six seasons in London Three South-West followed, which saw consistently improving league positions, resulted in back to back promotions in 2001/02. 2003/04 saw the club battle to make the jump to London One, but fell at the last hurdle, after finishing as runners-up. However, the Green & Golds went one step better the year after, winning the London Two South championship. Four years were spent at the pinnacle of London Divisional rugby with Barnes consistently battling it out with the likes of Richmond, London Scottish, Ealing and Worthing at the top of the table. The side finished as runners-up in 2009 before one of the biggest says in their history as they hosted South-West One runners-up Bracknell. Barnes recorded a famous win, to reach the dizzying heights of Step Four of the English game.

That a village club could reach National Two was incredible. The season ahead was a struggle, but, led by Director of Rugby Carson Russell, Barnes continued to play an eye-catching expansive style. Numerous games were lost in the last ten minutes which was, ultimately, to prove the team's downfall, and a return to what became National Three London followed for last season, 2010/11 was an incredible campaign for the Green and Golds as only two matches were lost all season, despite this, the promotion race came down to the last three matches of the season, as Barnes faced Dorking, Hertford and Ampthill, their three rivals for the championship. The run-in started at Dorking's "Big Field" where the Surrey side had not lost for two years - but a famous Barnes win was recorded. The following week, league leaders Hertford came to Barn Elms, and one of the biggest crowds to ever watch the club witnessed an astonishing match in which over eighty points were scored, with the home side hanging on to win at the death. The championship was won on the last day as Ampthill were put to the sword. Incredibly, Barnes returned to National Two South at the first time of asking.







# **COACHES CORNER**

# Good afternoon everyone, and a warm welcome to Barnes.

There is no getting away from it, we are going through a tough time at the moment, and to lose to Sevenoaks and North Walsham was obviously really disappointing over recent weeks. Making things harder is an increased injury list that just keeps getting bigger and bigger, and for a small club like us it is near impossible to cope with the sheer number of injuries that we are racking up.

To have over 20 unavailable players within our first team squad every week since Christmas is a hell of a challenge, and as a result we haven't had a consistent side out for a long time, which has had a really big impact at the worst possible time. That being said, we have a young, committed group, full of heart, that will give everything they've got to turn things around and push to keep us in this league, and it is a group I trust implicitly.

Our last game against North Walsham was one in which we started positively, dominated up front, and took an early lead. But disaster struck in the first half as we lost our 3 biggest forwards in Mac, Najee and Pat, as well as David Rufai being unable to sprint due to hamstring issues, and then our set piece started suffering and we lost that area of dominance that we started with. We ended up finishing the game with 6 front row players in the pack, one of which who deserves a big hand, because at about 5 foot 8" probably makes him the smallest second row in National League history! So thanks James Cornish for putting yourself in there and doing a job. But despite the adversity and against the odds we did still get ourselves back in the game and with 15 minutes to go found ourselves 6 points behind but with an extra player due to their yellow card. But unfortunately, we made a couple of errors straight from the kick off after scoring and the game was gone.

There is no doubt the players were disappointed after the game because we all understand how big a game it was, but when things aren't going your way like they weren't that day, it is important you leave with something, and to get a point out of that game was massive, and it could be the point that keeps us in this league come the end of April.

In terms of today we welcome Barnes who have recruited well this season and have turned themselves into one of the front runners of the league. They have a massive pack, an exciting back line and a 9 that controls the game excellently through his box kick. This will no doubt be one of the toughest games we face at Rochford all season. In terms of team news, we welcome back Chris Shields, Chris Dudman and Tauren Henwood who missed the last game, but unfortunately we have lost Najee Mundicha, Josh Rasor, David Rufai, Sonny Gay, Mac Duaibe and Ricki Gould all through injury.

Enjoy the Game.

Janny Cleave

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB

- Head Coach



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# **HOME TEAM SQUAD**

# **ROCHFORD HUNDRED**

#### **RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

No.	Name					
1	Joe Moran					
2	Rob Gardner					
3	Harry Phelps-Knights					
4	Ben Thomas					
5	Patrick Jennings					
6	Paul Bradley					
7	Rory Gray					
8	Chris Shields					
9	Jake Spivey					
<b>10</b>	Tauren Henwood					
11	Damien Brambley					
<b>12</b>	Sam Cappaert					
<b>13</b>	Mark Ikhifa					
14	Kyle Johnson					
<b>15</b>	Chris Dudman (Captain)					
	Substitutes					
<b>16</b>	Caley Gray					
17	James Cornish					
18	Taylor Randall					
19	Ewan Richmond					
20	Manni Muzuzu					

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# **AWAY TEAM SQUAD**

# **BARNES**

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2 Alex March

**3** Rory Marsh

4 Len Ashcroft-Leigh

5 James Bloxham

6 Albert Slade

1 Lewis Kirkham

8 Ryan Nixon

**9** Josh Davies (Captain)

10 Paddy McDuell

11 George Makepeace-Cubitt

12 Giles Bromley-Martin

**13** Jordan Souter

14 Paul O'Dell

**15** Connor Cross

Substitutes

**16** Matt Humphreys

17 Alex A Wood

**18** Angus Farquhar

**19** Ethan Harbinson

20 Miles Lloyd

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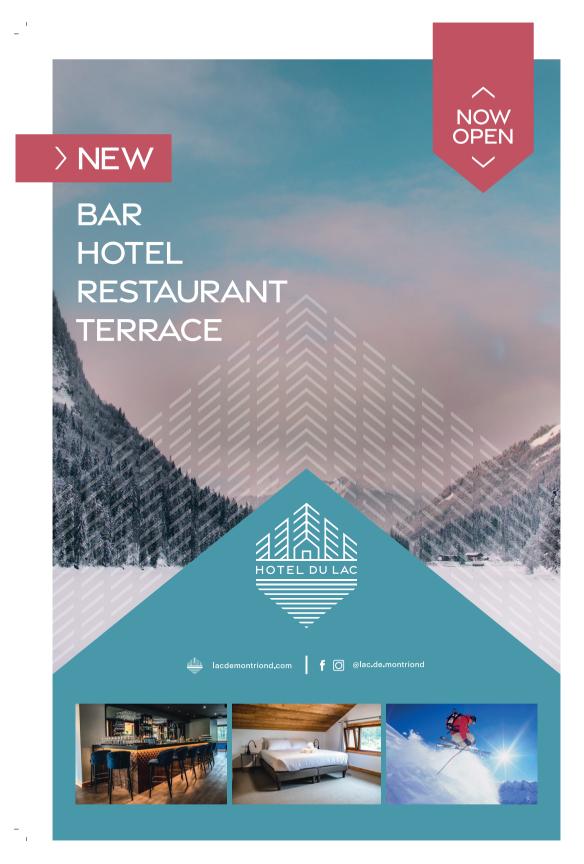
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# **LEAGUE & TODAY'S FIXTURES**

#### **LEAGUE TABLE**

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MANAGET MANAGET	Henley	17	11	0	6	440	355	85	8	4	56	0
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	Tonbridge Juddians	18	10	0	8	481	402	79	10	2	52	0
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VIRINGS	North Walsham	17	5	0	12	347	596	-249	4	0	24	0
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#### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

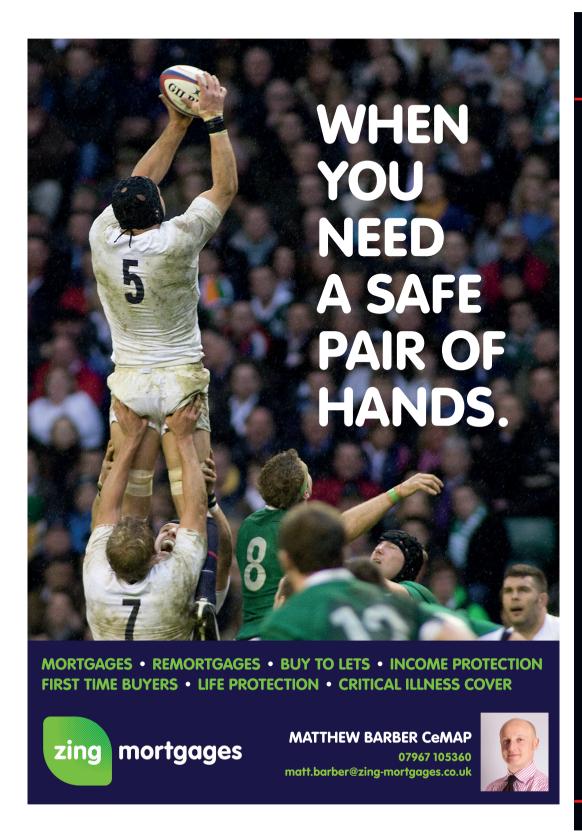
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15:00	Bury St Edmunds v Dorking	GK IPA Haberden
15:00	Canterbury v Sevenoaks	The Marine Travel Ground
15:00	Guernsey v Blackheath	Footes Lane
15:00	Henley v Westcliff	Dry Leas
15:00	North Walsham v Tonbridge Juddian	Norwich Road
15:00	O Albanian v Worthing	The Woollams
15:00	Rochford Hundred v Barnes	The Rugby Park













# **Rochford Hundred Squad 2022/23**

#### **STAFF & COACHES**



Danny Cleare Head Coach



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Luke Brewster
Head of Strength & Cond.



Redmond Newbury Assistant Forwards Coach



Mark Billings Assistant Backs Coach



James Tirrell
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Harts Head Coach



Adam Faherty Ist XV Manager



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Andrew Livett

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George Phelps-Knights

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