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# Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club

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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Kick Off 2.00pm**



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# Chairmans Welcome

Today I would like to warmly welcome Mike Marshall, the Guernsey Rugby Ambassador, and Chairman, Andrea Harris to Rochford Hundred. I would also like to welcome all those dining today to our first ever home game in National League rugby.

Those who were present will never forget our weekend away in early 2020 when we all boarded a plane from Southend Airport to Guernsey. The weather was kind, the hospitality everywhere around the island was inviting and even our own private pre match lunch was good.

The match itself was definitely one to remember fondly if you were a Rochford supporter that day. A great match will both sides giving it their all. It was pleasing to see the two best teams in that league gain promotion to National Two South and I expect today's game to another thriller. If this is your first visit for some time you will have noticed two new fences. One black fence around the perimeter of the grounds and a white fence around the 1st team pitch.

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the end of this season ready for the start of next season.

Looking around today at your fellow diners, you will notice that some of us were brave enough to order a new Club Blazer. We think they look great. If you would also like to join us by having your own Club Blazer then let me know and I will get you an order form.

Can I please ask everybody, with the exception of our two guests, to really make some noise this afternoon and get behind our team.

Enjoy your day.

*Ray Stephenson*

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB  
- Chairman



# Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

## LEAGUE LUNCHES

- 11th September 2021 v **GUERNSEY**  
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16th October 2021 v **DINGS CRUSADERS**  
30th October 2021 v **LEICESTER LIONS**  
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# PLAYER PROFILE

## HARRY HUDSON

**Name** – Harry Hudson

**Age** – 28

**Height** – 1860mm

**Weight** – 102000g

**Position** – 6-15

**Previous Clubs** –

Rosslyn Park, Southend & Westcliff



**What's your pre match meal?** – Varies

**Favourite drink?** – A free one

**Best rugby memory?** – The 18 months we had off

**Worst rugby memory?** – Being called back to pre-season

**Most annoying teammate?** – A sober Lewis Brunger

**Any superstitions?** – Rubbing Lewis Brungers head



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Firstly I would like to welcome Guernsey to Magnolia Road and wish them well for today and hope they enjoy the hospitality provided. I would also like to welcome back our members who have waited far too long to support this group of players playing in the National League for the first time in the clubs history. The crowd and the atmosphere was so important in our Promotion year in London Prem and we will need more of the same this year if we are to compete against some of the best teams in the Country.

Before I talk about today's game I also want to thank everyone involved that has played a part in getting the club to this level (past and present) as it really has been a collective effort and couldn't have been possible without all the hard work everyone has put in. So a big thank you to everyone behind the scenes that keeps the club running day to day, but also to the previous coaches, previous DoR, previous Chairman and Team Manager and all the current staff in them roles who have now taken over and pushed the club forwards.

Also to our sponsors that have invested in this team and the club to keep us afloat and improve us both on and off the field. And finally a special mention to the current coaching staff and players that have been exceptional and have shown commitment and resilience in difficult circumstances over the last 18 months. So hopefully we can put on a show today, entertain our faithful and share a few beers after a well-earned victory!

Last week at Esher we felt we went toe to toe with a very strong and established side but was probably our own worst enemy conceding off of errors and getting picked off in the transitions. We also know our set piece and our variation in attack wasn't good enough, but we have worked this week on putting these things right and we hope to demonstrate that this afternoon. But despite the loss we took a lot away from the game in terms of

areas we need to be better at to compete in this league but also took away a lot of positives that we feel we belong at this level.

In terms of today's match, if recent history shows us anything then it will show we are in for a tough and physical match. Both times we played Guernsey in London Prem were tight affairs, but games we were able to come out on top in which will give us confidence. We know Guernsey will bring a big pack and look to be physical. We ourselves will look to match that physicality, back our defence and look to disrupt their rhythm. We also hope to bring some excitement in attack and hopefully entertain the supporters.

Welcome back everyone and I hope you enjoy the game.

*Danny Cleare*

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB  
- Head Coach



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5	Brad Webb
6	Courtney Raymond
7	Dom Rice
8	Doug Horrocks ( <i>Captain</i> )
9	Charlie Simmonds
10	Owen Thomas
11	Charlie Davies
12	Ciaran McGann
13	Matt Armstrong
14	Anthony Armstrong
15	Joe Andresen
	<i>Substitutes</i>
16	Darrin Bellingham
17	Dan Morgan
18	Tom Creed
19	Dan Rice
20	Ethan Smith

### Rochford Hundred Upcoming Events

#### Cocktail Evening

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October

#### Fireworks Night

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

#### Christmas Jumper Day

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#### New Years Eve Party

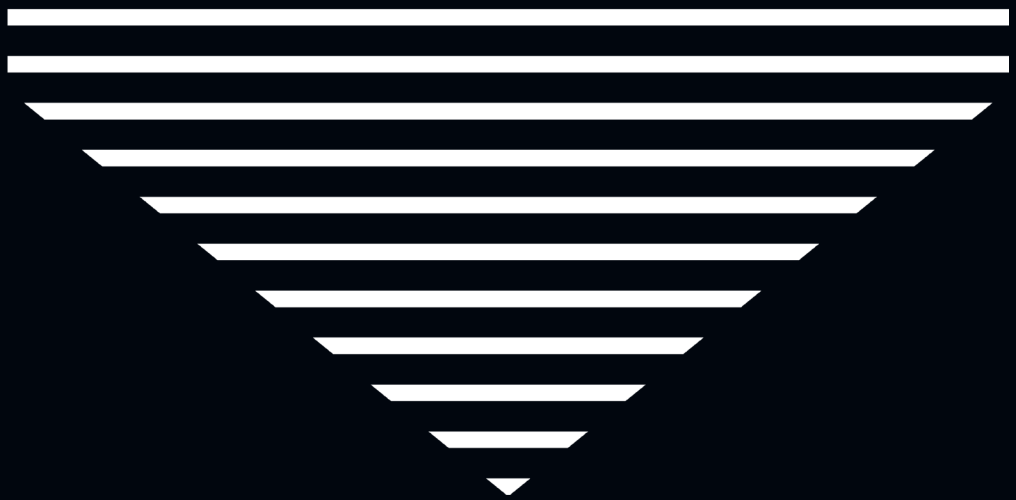
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# PLAYER PROFILE

## GEORGE ELLIOTT

**Name** – George “Gorgeous” Elliott

**Age** – 26

**Height** – 188cm, 6'2

**Weight** – 95kgs

**Position** – Utility Back

**Previous Clubs** – Ampthill,  
Old Albanians & Hertford



**What's your pre match meal?** – Scrambled eggs with smoked salmon

**Favourite drink?** – Powerade

**Best rugby memory?** – Making my Nat I debut for Ampthill

**Worst rugby memory?** – Losing the national cup semi-final at Under 16s

**Most annoying teammate?** – Macca “Stravros” Duaibe

**Any superstitions?** – I like to tidy the house the morning of a game, which means I haven't tidied the house for the last 18 months

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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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