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Chairmans Welcome

Today we welcome Redruth to Magnolia Road, and very welcome they are to.

Many will say this is the first time the two clubs have met. Well, it is not. 28 years ago, me and Pip Wright took our U16's on tour to Cornwall. Our first game was on Good Friday against Penzance which we narrowly won. The next day we played against a Redruth side that had just recently beaten a touring Japan U16 National team and contained 5 or 6 of the England U16 squad. I asked the Redruth coach if he would be kind enough not to start all his England players so as to hopefully make more of a game of it. That quickly changed and he brought on all his England players, but this Rochford team played the best game they ever played at any age group and won the game. We were due to play Cambourne on Easter Sunday but after hearing we had beaten Redruth they cried off.

However, one look at the National two South League table will tell you that we are in for one hell of a game today, but I also know our team are up for it and will give everything they have to try and get the win, just as they do week in and week out. We know we are not far away of where we want to be and are learning fast what we need to do to stay in this league and we know today will be a very tough test for us.

I hope you all find our welcome off the pitch will be as warm as the intensity we hope to bring to each and every game we play. For some Clubs, this season in National 2 South does not really matter as there is no relegation, but it does matter to us at Rochford Hundred RFC. We are learning every week just how tough this league is as we all experience it or the very first time in our history. We want to become a side that can beat anyone in this league on our day and we want to be a team that no one wants to play at Rochford. We are making great strides towards

achieving that so that next season we know what we need to do to stay in this league, which I am extremely confident we will do.

Many of you supporting Rochford today will also be coming to the Westcliff game on December 18. If you are attending the pre match lunch, please aim to arrive no later than 12.00 as we have to sit down and serve over 200 of you before KO at 3. Remember if you are dining this game is a Christmas jumper event. If you are not dining, please allow plenty of time to enter the ground as we expect some queuing to get in and we do not want anyone to miss the KO.

Good luck to both sides today, please respect the officials and may rugby be the winner, and may the game be played in the true spirit of rugby we all hold dear to our hearts. Have a brilliant day today.

Ray Stephenson

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Chairman



Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

LEAGUE LUNCHES

4th December 2021 v **REDRUTH**

18th December 2021 v **WESTCLIFF**

15th January 2022 v **BURY ST EDMUNDS**

29th January 2022 v **WORTHING**

12th February 2022 v **OLD ALBANIAN**

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PLAYER PROFILE

ASTON BEVANS-ROYSTON

NAME

– Aston Bevans-Royston

AGE – 31

HEIGHT – 6ft 3in

WEIGHT – 122kg

POSITION – Tight head prop

PREVIOUS CLUBS

– Old Elthamians & Southend

WHAT'S YOUR PRE MATCH MEAL?

– Chicken and carbs

FAVOURITE DRINK? – Anything cold behind the bar

BEST RUGBY MEMORY? – Promotion to National I in a playoff against Sale FC and the promotion party that followed

WORST RUGBY MEMORY? – Tearing my calf in a scrum against Old Albanians, longest injury to recover from and still plays me up

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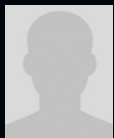
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Coaches Corner

Firstly welcome to any Redruth supporters who have made the long trek up from Cornwall, I hope you enjoy your day out at Magnolia Road.

As a Southend player I came up against Redruth on a number of occasions both home and away and do not remember winning many, so despite the long journey I know that will have very little impact on their performance and we will be in for a very tough game this afternoon.

Last week was another missed opportunity (and we've had a few of these over the last 2 months). We made the trip to a really in-form Hinckley side and at half time found ourselves in a commanding position despite not playing anywhere near our full potential. But second half we imploded, gave away ridiculously soft penalties, missed opportunities at goal, missed a number of kicks to touch from penalties, and made uncharacteristic individual errors which killed any momentum for us and also gave Hinckley some wind in their sails. But despite the massive disappointment of losing close games which we should be winning, there is also room to be encouraged that we are not a million miles away. But these small margins won't just change unless we change, and we know we

need to be better.

So hopefully today we'll see a reaction and an intelligence and discipline in our play and if we get that response I know we can be a match for anyone in the league.

Finally, I'd also like to give Taylor Randall a big shout out for his first try for the club and first National League try, at 19 years old and a product of the academy he is someone that is getting better and better every game.

Enjoy the game.

Danny Cleare

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Head Coach



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6	Ben Fox
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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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