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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 Councilor, 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 London 1 (North) and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## MICHAEL GUESS

**NAME** – Michael Guess

**D.O.B** – 18/09/1983

**POSITION** – Prop

**NICKNAME** – Guessy

**WEIGHT** – 128kg

**HEIGHT** – 6ft

**FAVOURITE FOOD** – Nandos

**FAVOURITE DRINK** – Espresso Martini

**BEST RUGBY MEMORY** – Playing rugby with Craig Strachan

**WORST RUGBY MEMORY** – Training Craig Strachan

**IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE 3 PEOPLE TO GET STUCK IN A LIFT WITH. WHO ? WHY ?**

1 – Jody Allen

2 – Chris Shields

3 – Adam Ferrier - with all of us in the lift there is no possible way it could get struck.

**FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM** – Ricki Gould

**WORST DRESSED** – Beero

**LONGEST IN THE SHOWER** – Me, I'm always the last out



# Director of Rugby Report

Today sees us host Eton Manor who are enjoying a good start to the season and are established club at this level over many years. They enjoyed a season in the London Premier league recently and I'm sure the long term aim of the club will be to return there sooner rather than later. They are coached by one of the most competitive players I have ever played with in Jimmy Connors, and I'm sure this team represents that ethos. Jimmy was a top class player too and we welcome him and his staff. Their recent acquisition of a 3G surface is one that certainly looks appealing as they cold snap sets in and we will certainly look forward to the return on that surface. It's something we are in discussions about so watch this space.

Our recent efforts have seen us beat both top teams around us and seen us tested with injuries too. We've missed a few key players but that's rugby and we must cope with it and different challenges faced. We were challenged in both games and reacted positively both times and remained composed. We mustn't as a club, and players, expect teams to roll over and get frustrated or negative on the side lines or pitch just because things aren't going to plan. One day we will lose and things won't go to plan, but the longer we remain humble and work hard the longer that day will be. Today will be a tough test and one that we welcome.

The 2nd XV compete in quarter finals of the Essex Cup today, and the key to our success will be how players who expect to play 1st XV react to playing 2nds. Today sees Kellard, Brunger, Ashton and Ikhifa to name but a few. Everyone wants to play first team but it's a squad game, and this process will make or break us. Enjoy the game, the 1st XV are having a team social so please forgive them their casual attire just this once and enjoy the game.

*Chris Green*

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club  
- Director of Rugby





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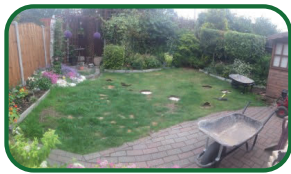





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Director of Rugby



**Michael Guess**

Forwards Coach



**Chris Garstin**

Backs Coach



**James Kellard**

Defence Coach



**Danny Cleare**

Attack Coach



**Adam Faherty**

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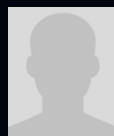
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Harts Head Coach



**Kevin Anderson**

Touch Judge



**George Phelps Knight**

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# Chairman's Message

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,  
welcome to Rochford Hundred Rugby Club,  
I hope you enjoy your day with us.

Today we welcome Eton Manor to Magnolia Road. It has been some time since we played each other, so I for one am looking to seeing a great game as both teams have always been closely matched.

Last week we saw a great result against Luton, where we fielded some of our up and coming talent and they never let us down. This does set up hope for the future with the young talent we have and the strength in depth this year so well done to all involved last week.

Our lunch sponsor this week is the Club President Mike Drinkwater. As Chairman, I would like to thank Mike for all the support he gives me in driving the club forward.

The ball boys are the under 14's this week, again thanks boys.

Sponsorship has real benefits which includes advertising your company in the hand book, pitch side signs or on our social media sites. If you or anyone you know wants to be involved, please talk to Adam Faherty who will be willing to build a package to suit your budget his telephone number **07981 965669**. Player sponsorships are still available, so if you would like to sponsor a player from the squad please let us know.

#### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

**1st December** - There is a home fixture vs Old Priorians, so an opportunity for an early Christmas party so why not book your place today.

**New Year's Eve** tickets are selling fast this is a family night so all welcome see in the New Year with the family.

Lastly the club relies on Members paying membership every year so if you have not done so yet please ensure you make your donation or sign up today for direct debit forms behind the bar. Being a member has benefits on club house hire also reduced prices on alcohol.

Always remember that our beautiful game is built on **RESPECT** so jeering or bad language is not acceptable at any time during the game. Without the person in the middle we would not have a game and if you think you could do better then let us see you sign up to be that person we always need referees.

*Peter Van Den Broeck*

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Chairman



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## Club President Mike Drinkwater

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## ETON MANOR

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	<i>Substitutes</i>
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17	Harry Bone
18	Paddy Sheenan

*Referee*

William Foster (RFU SEG)

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## CHRIS GARSTIN

**NAME** – Chris Garstin

**D.O.B** – 30/10/1982

**POSITION** – Backs and Skills Coach

**NICKNAME** – Garst

**WEIGHT** – 104kg

**HEIGHT** – 186cm

**FAVOURITE FOOD** – Cheese

**FAVOURITE DRINK** – Red Wine  
(Penfolds 97 Shiraz) or any Irish Whiskey

**BEST RUGBY MEMORY** – Stopping Scott Gibbs on the gainline

**WORST RUGBY MEMORY** – Watching Colonel kick the ball

**IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE 3 PEOPLE TO GET STUCK  
IN A LIFT WITH. WHO ? WHY ?**

- 1 – Bill Hicks
- 2 – Keith Woods
- 3 – Bob Propert – They are all lunatics

**FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM** – Chris Shields – lacks any kind of chat  
or coherent sentences

**WORST DRESSED** – Beero

**LONGEST IN THE SHOWER** – Fumbo





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