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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 London & South East Premier and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

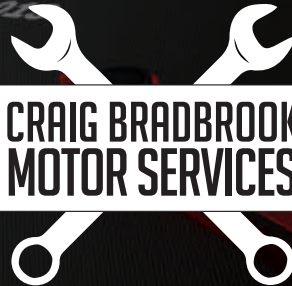
# Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

## LEAGUE LUNCHES

28th September 2019 v **GUERNSEY**  
12th October 2019 v **TUNBRIDGE WELLS**  
26th October 2019 v **LONDON IRISH**  
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# PLAYER PROFILE

## Damien Brambley

**NAME** – Damien Brambley

**D.O.B** – 21/3/1992

**POSITION** – Centre

**NICKNAME** – Dame

**WEIGHT** – 94kg

**HEIGHT** – 6ft

**SPORTING HERO** – Jason Robinson

**NON SPORTING HERO** – None

**SOMETHING ABOUT YOU WE WOULDN'T KNOW**

– I do extreme ironing

**WHAT SPORT DO YOU LIKE APART FROM RUGBY?**

– Volleyball

**HARDEST OPPONENT FACED** – Marland Yarde

**MOST ANNOYING TEAM MATE** – Shieldsy Cus he talks too much

**ROCHFORD RUGBY HERO** – Still waiting for the hero to make himself apparent



# Director of Rugby Report

Welcome to everyone involved in what should be the game of the day in London Premier! Both teams have won all three games thus far and a win for either side will be a big shot in the arm. Guernsey are a club renowned at National League level and I am sure they will want to bounce back this season. Today will be a big indicator on our season but its the challenge we welcome. We don't feel we are anywhere near full capacity yet and we aim to produce a more complete performance today. I believe the higher the challenge, the more stimulated we become and I firmly believe today will prove this again.

The last three games have been frustrating, in that there is no doubt, but we sit here at this stage of the season on 15 points, we haven't quite clicked yet and we need to find the balance between our power game and being a little more creative at times. Westcliff who went up this season lost at Bedford last year as they did at Tring who we have defeated both away. We haven't had consistency in selection yet either as injuries have challenged us and some players have joined a little later than normal. These are all challenges we have to meet head on and we look forward to a month ahead that sees us playing all the top four around us. Get through this period and then we can really have a look at targets until the seasons end.

As mentioned previously we still have players that need sponsoring and if you would like to do so please contact me through my details in the handbook, or consequently grab hold of me in the bar. We will be launching an energy supply portal within the next month also, that would be available for anyone who owns a business and is looking to lower their waste and energy supplies cost. The club would then receive a form of a kick back. More information will be out on this shortly and any quote would be totally non committal, just a letter of authority for us to establish if we can make your business bills cheaper. The club does need to

move forward and be self sufficient and I think the target of National League rugby at Level Two is one we need to grasp sooner rather than later.

Lastly, but by no means least, I would like to welcome Dan Legge and his company New Lofts who are sponsoring today's pre-match lunch and make special mention of his step-son Charlie Reed who is currently suffering from illness. Three local musicians Nathan Abbott, Kate West and Matt Linnen will be doing a fundraiser after the game today with all donations going to Gold Geese Charity that supports children with cancer. Charlie is a keen musician himself and any donations would be greatly appreciated. I hope that you enjoy the game... but this really does put a perspective on it, please hang around after the game and make it a memorable day.

*Chris Green*

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club  
- Director of Rugby



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# Chairman's Message

Welcome everyone to Magnolia Road for the second home game of the season against another team we have never had the privilege to line up against.

Guernsey are a very established team in the rugby world and it is a pleasure to have them here today. I am looking forward to another hard fought game, this league has not disappointed us so far... every team has been a strong challenge.

I would also like to thank our lunch sponsor New Lofts and match ball sponsor, our very own caterer Sarah.

We have a small gathering today and our raffle will be supporting Gold Geese which supports children and their families through some difficult times, so please give generously. We will also have some live music after the game with a collection bucket going around the clubhouse, our musicians have said they will not take any payment but all money raised goes to the charity.

We have the barn dance coming up in October, please speak to Louise Archer for tickets. There will also be a Christmas Party on the 21st

December... more details to follow soon.

Lastly, please respect the officials... without them we have no game so no jeering if they (in your opinion) make a mistake.

If you really are that familiar with the laws then maybe you want to become a referee? Let me know!

Have a great day.

*Peter Van Den Broeck*

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club -  
Chairman



# HOME TEAM SQUAD

## ROCHFORD HUNDRED

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RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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3 Layton Batiste

4 Lewis Hillier (*Captain*)

5 Brad Webb

6 Courtney Raymond

7 Dom Rice

8 Doug Horrocks

9 Jake O'Connor

10 Owen Thomas

11 Matt Armstrong

12 Blair Campbell

13 Tom Teasdale

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## Todd Bailey

**NAME** – Todd Bailey

**D.O.B** – 4/5/1991

**POSITION** – Prop

**NICKNAME** – Toddy

**WEIGHT** – 126kg

**HEIGHT** – 6ft 2"

**SPORTING HERO** – John Daly

**NON SPORTING HERO** – Micheal Scott

**SOMETHING ABOUT YOU WE WOULDN'T KNOW**

– I'm great on a trampoline

**WHAT SPORT DO YOU LIKE APART FROM RUGBY?**

– Volleyball

**HARDEST OPPONENT FACED** – Aki Lea

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