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# Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club

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# Old Albanian RFC



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Kick Off 3.00pm**



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# CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

As we continue the second half journey of the season, we welcome Old Albanians to Rochford Hundred and very welcome they are too. You can read elsewhere in this programme some notes about Old Albanians.

We had a great game at their fantastic ground last year and we will be looking to repeat that performance again today. Our Head Coach will say more about the playing side elsewhere in this programme, but I just want to say that it is obvious to me that Rochford Hundred can hold its own in this league, but we have a really small squad compared to other teams and injuries do hit us hard, so one key challenge for next season is to increase the squad size. That is much easier said than done, but I know the team have already begun work on recruiting for next season.

Of the remaining fixtures for this season, we all know there are several games that we know we can win and win them we will. For some teams, this season does not really matter as there is no relegation, but it is difficult to see who they are as every team we play seems hell bent on winning, just as we are. For us, it is all about learning about what we need to do to remain a National 2 team year after year, so our promising Academy players have something to really aim for. Just like our own Taylor Randall. Taylor joined us as an U16 player and has come through to be what I consider to be one of our best prospects for the future. We are really proud that as a young man he has taken his chances and is now a regular member of the 1st team squad. I think he might have been joined by a couple of his Academy team mates, but they are away at University.

As I write this we are still waiting to hear if Alex Brown has been offered a contract at Bath. He has been with us since the end of December and we all wish him well in getting a contract with the Aviva Premier League team.

As this our 60th Anniversary as a rugby club we will be staging a series of events to celebrate this. We can't compete with Her Majesty the Queen

as she celebrates 70 years as our Queen and the celebrations planned across the country to mark that event, but we have some great things lined up, so please see the adverts promoting these as they come out.

To all the visiting supporters, whether you are dining at the pre match lunch or enjoying a burger and a pint at the outside bar & BBQ, I hope you enjoy your day with us here today and whatever the result today we look forward to meeting you again next season. Whoever you are, whoever you support, please be as vocal as you want to in support of your team, but please do not abuse or shout at the match officials, they, like the players, are doing their best. They certainly do not need you telling them they have got it wrong in your opinion. Remember, without them we have no game to watch. Also, please show respect to the opposition and have a great day.

*Ray Stephenson*

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB  
- Chairman



# Rochford Hundred Rugby Club

## LEAGUE LUNCHES

12th February 2022 v **OLD ALBANIAN**

26th February 2022 v **BARNSTABLE**

12th March 2022 v **BARNES**

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# PLAYER PROFILE

## JAKE SPIVEY

**NAME** – Jake Spivey

**AGE** – 23

**HEIGHT** – 6ft

**WEIGHT** – 86kg

**POSITION** – Scrum half  
/ Full back

### PREVIOUS CLUBS

– Blackheath, Bishop Stortford  
and Westcliff

### WHAT'S YOUR PRE MATCH

**MEAL?** – Poached eggs on brown toast

**FAVOURITE DRINK?** – Peroni with the lads, Dissarono  
and Coke on a night out

**BEST RUGBY MEMORY?** – Hard to say, I have 2 that  
stand out, going forward for England u18s or being captain  
for SEEVIC and winning the gold at nationals

**WORST RUGBY MEMORY?** – Loosing to Cymoedd in  
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# Rochford Hundred Squad 2021/22

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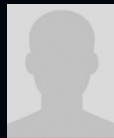
**Graham Pratt**  
1st XV Registrar



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Harts Head Coach



**Tigan Renshaw**  
4th Official

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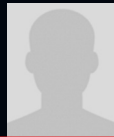
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# COACHES CORNER

Last time we played OA's we enjoyed our first ever away win at National League level, unfortunately we've only won 2 games since then and haven't won on the road since. We have however had many close and competitive fixtures and feel hard done by that we haven't won more games than we have but we only have ourselves to blame for that for not seeing these games out.

It is clear we are also more than competitive at home and no one since Guernsey in our first home game of the season has had an easy ride here and we feel on our day can get a result against any team at Magnolia Road. The boys love playing in front of the home crowd and appreciate the unconditional support it receives week on week.

After last week's week off we were hoping to have some players back off the physio table but unfortunately that hasn't happened, but we do still have a strong young team that is eager to keep hold of their shirts even when players do return, and that fight for places is key in pushing us forward for the remainder of the season.

Last game against Worthing we knew we were playing against one of the strongest teams in the league with arguably the best set of backs, but we defended excellently and contained them really well. An unfortunate header from Harry leading to an intercept try against the run of play and 3 tries from catch and drives shows that in general play we held them at bay pretty well. We also had large spells camped on their line without reward and with a little more quality at these times the score would have been closer. Everyone that day put in a real shift but special mentions to Chris Shields and Harry Hudson who probably had their strongest performances of the season. Also, a special mention to 'Ant

Man' (Anthony Parrish) who was outstanding off the bench. And finally, a congratulations to Manni Muzuzu who made his debut and Wouter Roters who made his home debut for the club.

With regards to OA's, we know they have a team that like to run the ball from deep and move the ball wide and have really dynamic forwards that help support this style of play. This will be similar to how Worthing played, and we know we'll have to defend like that if we want to contain this dangerous side. We do however take great confidence that we beat them last time we played and will look to repeat the same feat.

Enjoy the Game.

*Danny Cleare*

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB  
- Head Coach



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## ROCHFORD HUNDRED

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1	Not Supplied
2	Not Supplied
3	Not Supplied
4	Not Supplied
5	Not Supplied
6	Not Supplied
7	Not Supplied
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9	Not Supplied
10	Not Supplied
11	Not Supplied
12	Not Supplied
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14	Not Supplied
15	Not Supplied

### *Substitutes*

16	Not Supplied
17	Not Supplied
18	Not Supplied
19	Not Supplied
20	Not Supplied

## **Rochford Hundred Upcoming Events**

## **End of Season AWARDS DINNER**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

*Guest Speaker:*

**ANDY GOODE**

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The club was formed in 1924 by a group of Old Boys of St Albans School. They acquired their first pavilion, which was a timber World War I Barrack Hut, located at Beech Bottom.

The club won promotion from National League 2 South in 2011–12 to National League 1, and in 2012–13 finished 5th, their highest place in the English rugby union system. The club was relegated from National One at the end of the 2014–15 season, after an administration error led to a five-point deduction; this meant that the club missed out on staying up by just a single point. They were promoted back into the division after winning the play-off in 2015–16 but relegated back to National League 2 at the end of the season.

Their state-of-the-art sporting complex on the northern outskirts of St Albans is regarded by many as one of the finest amateur sporting venues in the land. The Woollam Playing Fields is the choice of Saracens for their home training base and has hosted both England Under 16 and England RFUW International matches. Many of Old Albanians players have gone on to achieve national honours including: *England*: Jeff Probyn, Maro Itoje, Max Malins, Nick Isiekwe, Paul Gustard, *Wales*: Paul Turner, *Ireland*: Darragh O'Mahony



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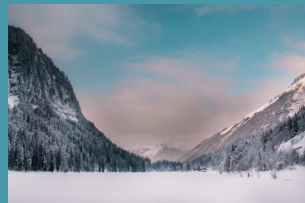
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# TRAVEL COSTS

Early in 2020 we got the first fixture list for our games in National 2 South. These came in after we had been closed completely due to the pandemic and we were looking at having to travel long distances to places such as Guernsey, Redruth and Barnstaple. These were the longest journeys we would have to undertake, but we also have trips to Worthing, Hinckley, Leicester and a couple to Bristol as well.

Money was tight and sponsorship very difficult to come by. We were faced with a large cost for travelling to all our away games so I asked all our Vice Presidents if they would be kind enough to help with these travelling costs. We had a just brilliant response.

But then the 2020/21 season was cancelled. So we did not spend the money, but carried it over. The 2021/22 season did begin and has been played with only a few games called off due to the pandemic, one of them being Guernsey away for us. We have already been to Barnstaple and going to Redruth around easter time.

The total money donated by the Vice Presidents to offset our travelling costs to away games is £8260 with most VP's donating £500 or more. We can't thank you all enough and I list below the names of all those who donated to the cost of travelling as I think you should all know who has been kind enough to help us at our time of need.



- DICK JONES
- PETE REED
- NICK VAUGHN
- MIKE O'CONNOR
- DAVE COOMBE
- IAN BROWN
- STUART BLACKSHAW
- JOHN DRINKWATER
- PETER COOPER
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# LEAGUE & TODAY'S FIXTURES

## LEAGUE TABLE

Club	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PD	TBP	LBP	Points
 Esher	18	15	1	2	634	372	262	13	1	76
 Redruth	19	15	1	3	553	297	256	11	1	74
 Clifton	19	15	0	4	707	394	313	11	2	73
 Worthing	18	13	0	5	523	359	164	13	3	68
 Henley	19	11	2	6	513	426	87	9	3	60
 Leicester Lions	17	11	0	6	463	366	97	9	3	56
 Bury St Edmunds	18	10	0	8	491	433	58	6	4	50
 Guernsey	16	10	0	6	431	368	63	7	2	49
 O Albanian	19	9	0	10	559	445	114	9	6	46
 Barnes	19	7	4	8	464	483	-19	7	2	45
 Dings	19	6	1	12	467	512	-45	11	6	43
 Hinckley	17	6	0	11	441	465	-24	7	5	36
 Canterbury	18	6	1	11	373	396	-23	5	3	34
 Rochford Hundred	18	4	0	14	294	507	-213	3	5	24
 Barnstaple	19	2	0	17	275	639	-364	0	2	10
 Westcliff	19	1	0	18	246	972	-726	2	1	7

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

Saturday 12th February 2022

Time	Match	Venue
15:00	Bury St Edmunds v Leicester Lions	GK IPA Haberden
15:00	Canterbury v Barnstaple	The Marine Travel Ground
14:30	Clifton v Redruth	Station Road
15:00	Esher v Henley	Molesey Road
14:00	Guernsey v Barnes	Footes Lane
15:00	Rochford Hundred v O Albanian	The Rugby Park
14:15	Westcliff v Hinckley	The Gables



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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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