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Versus

Leicester Lions RFC



Saturday 30th October 2021 Kick Off 3.00pm



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Chairmans Welcome

Hello everyone

Today we welcome Leicester Lions to Magnolia Road. Last Saturday's results show what a strange league National 2 South is, as Leicester recorded a great win against Worthing, we made the long journey full of expectation of beating Barnstaple only to come away with a loss. High flying Redruth lose at home to a very good Esher. Seems on the day anyone in the league has a good chance of beating anyone else, maybe!

Although I may not be at the lunch today due to my recovery from Covid, I may still attend the match, but can I extend an enormous thank you to Nick Hyde from Forrester-Hyde for being today's sponsor. Like all clubs at this level, we need a backbone of sponsors we can rely on to be there every season for us, and Nick is one of those, giving his unreserved support to the club for many years now. I hope you and your guests have a great time today at Rochford Hundred.

On the subject of Covid, we have now re-introduced some precautionary measures to do our bit and help to try reducing the number of cases in what

is likely to be another difficult winter for all of us. I know that the rugby community at large and especially our family here at Rochford will do what we need to do to help prevent the spread of this damn Covid and try and keep everyone safe.

Back to the rugby, we at Rochford are all looking forward to this game and can I ask you to respect good play from both sides and to give the officials your full backing.

Ray Stephenson

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Chairman



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PLAYER PROFILE

SAM CAPPAERT

NAME – Sam Cappaert

AGE – 22

HEIGHT – 5ft 11

WEIGHT – 93kg

POSITION – Fly Half

PREVIOUS CLUBS

– Bristol Bears, Bishop Stortford, Brentwood

WHAT'S YOUR PRE MATCH MEAL?

– Poached Eggs with beans on toast

FAVOURITE DRINK? – Vodka with Cranberry

BEST RUGBY MEMORY? – Winning U18 National Cup

WORST RUGBY MEMORY? – Rupturing my ACL

MOST ANNOYING TEAMMATE? – Spivey for never admitting it's more than 1 sun bed a week

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Coaches Corner

Good Afternoon and welcome Leicester Lions and congratulations on your impressive win against top of the league last week.

This has been a tough week with a lot of injuries and unavailability's, however with that comes opportunities for other members of the squad to step in and put their hands up. This has happened a lot this season already and everyone who has been called upon so far has done a great job, so I am sure we'll be fine again today.

So we're coming off a frustrating performance against Barnstaple, where we definitely see it as a missed opportunity to continue our run of good form.

Obviously our set piece didn't function last week but despite that we also bombed plenty of points and had plenty of opportunities to be out of sight first half. A dropped intercept, an lucky bounce on a chip through, and a drop ball over the line were just some of the missed chances in the first half. Then to compound things with a soft try and an even softer red card did us little favours to win this game. However we have reviewed this, have worked hard again this week, and will try and redeem ourselves with a more accomplished performance this afternoon.

In terms of today we welcome back a number of players into the first team who are hungry

to impress, and that energy and desire will no doubt give us a huge boost. There are also a number of young lads playing today who I back completely and fully expect them to take their chances, and play without fear and play with an enthusiasm that only young players possess.

I would finally like to show appreciation to the excellent support we've had at each home game so far and also to the supporters who made the long trip to Devon last week. Your support is so important and the players feed off that energy. So thank you.

Enjoy the game.

Danny Cleare

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Head Coach



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2	Not Supplied
3	Not Supplied
4	Not Supplied
5	Not Supplied
6	Not Supplied
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8	Not Supplied
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Substitutes

16	Not Supplied
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Friday 5th November

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Saturday 18th December

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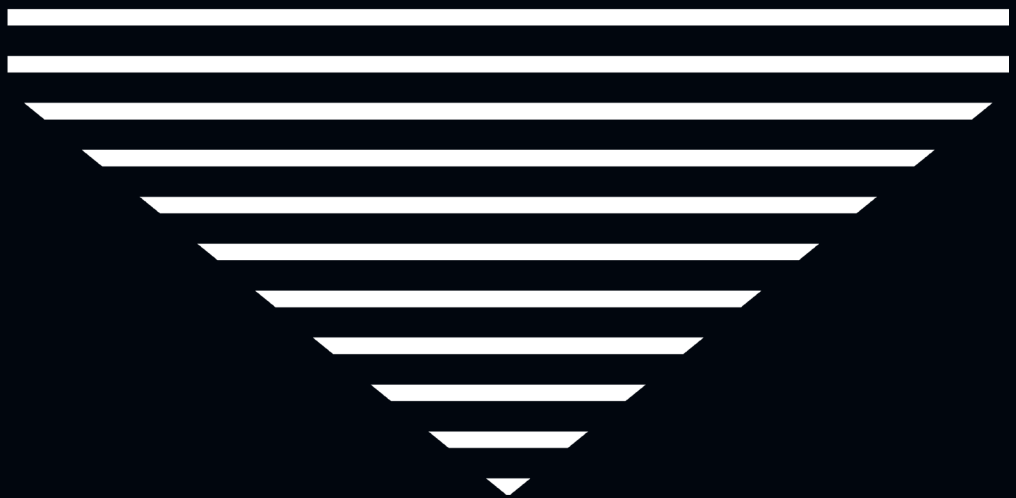
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PLAYER PROFILE

JOSH RIDGWAY

NAME – Josh Ridgway

AGE – 21

HEIGHT – 5ft 11 (3/4)

WEIGHT – 109 kg

POSITION – Prop/centre/utility

PREVIOUS CLUBS

– Thurrock, Mavericks



WHAT'S YOUR PRE MATCH MEAL?

– Sushi when I can if not a bacon sandwich

FAVOURITE DRINK? – Guinness

BEST RUGBY MEMORY? – Putting Jordan Dyer through a gap hitting a C line

WORST RUGBY MEMORY? – Losing to Silcoates in the Natwest quarter finals

MOST ANNOYING TEAMMATE? – Golden boy if you know you know

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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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