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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 2 (North East) and we can look back on 50 years of activity with considerable satisfaction.

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PLAYER PROFILE

MARK BILLINGS

NAME – Matthew Stewart

D.O.B – 13/04/1987

POSITION – Fullback/Winger

NICKNAME – Billz

WEIGHT – 85kg

HEIGHT – 5ft 11"

FAVOURITE FOOD – Roast Dinner

FAVOURITE DRINK – Gin and Tonic

BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Playing for England counties against France at Twickenham

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – Being relegated with Southend

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

- 1 – Kelly Brooke - obvious reasons
- 2 – Liam Gallagher - funny
- 3 – Will Smith - seems interesting

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Sam Edwards

WORST DRESSED – Danny Cleare

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Sam Fombo



Rugby Coaching Report

Welcome to the Director of Rugby report.

We welcome Romford today off the back of a very hard fought victory at Woodford last week which reminds us that this seasons league campaign is far from over. We rested a few boys with a view to getting everyone fit for the cup game next week and I think that decision will stand us in good stead for a variety of reasons. Young lads and people who were on the fringes got an opportunity which they took in showing very good character after being down at half time. That experience will be invaluable and we must continue developing young players swell as attracting the best players in the area.

In the fixture at Romford earlier in the season our attack was as good as its been all season in all honesty and Romford's results recently show that we are in for a tough challenge today. We wish them luck after today's game. For ourselves we must always strive to get better and not be caught up with just winning and think this is enough. Our standards have to be what drives us and if they are up to scratch this season we could end up with a trip to Twickenham with a league winners medal round our necks if we take things for granted neither will happen. Aside from family the players and staff have to live and breathe rugby and the sacrifice that comes with it.

Off the field we have a slight change around with Mark Williams extending his role with the club into a first team role on the strength and conditioning side. Jamie Douglas role with Southend has extended to a point where his time isn't as free but marks addition will see a smooth transition. Mark currently heads up the England basketball teams male and female after previously heading up the program at Southend football club. We wish Jamie well and welcome mark.

Today sees the return of Rochford boy Danny Cleare which is a big positive for the team both as a player and a senior pro on the field. An experienced voice on the field is invaluable as is a outstanding player, Danny's reading and understanding of the game is up

there with anyone's and I'm sure you are all as keen to see him pull on the black shirt as he is on putting it on.

As you know the significance of next week's match at Camberley is a big one and their form has mirrored ours in many ways. Eliminating them will be a huge step towards Twickenham and make no mistake we need support. The club are putting a coach on and we have to be clear this will be a opportunity that will never arise again. We would hope to be a league up next season thus this tournament would not be a avenue we can pursue again. Please clear your diaries for next weekend, and lets do something together that we will always remember, first part of that job is Romford today. Enjoy the game and see you next week also.

Chris Green

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Director of Rugby





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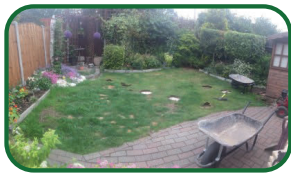
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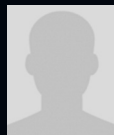
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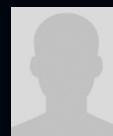
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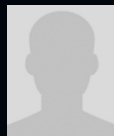
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Chairman's Message

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

Today we welcome Romford and Gidea Park to Magnolia Road. We have had some great games over the years between both clubs and I do not see today being any different so let us all get behind the lads and enjoy the rugby on show.

Our mascots today are our U6s and our ball boys from the U13s. It is always great to see the young ones joining the first team.

We have progressed to the Semi Final of the London & South East Cup and will face Camberley next week this again will be a tough game but one we must win if we are to progress. The club has a coach for supporters so if you are interested there are still some tickets available but hurry they will be gone today I would think.

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. We have increased our membership this year with many members enjoying the benefit this brings.

Always remember that our beautiful game is built on **RESPECT** so jeering or bad language is not acceptable at any time.

Peter Van Den Broeck

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Chairman

FUTURE EVENTS

2nd March - Family Games and Race night - FREE Entry. Doors open 7pm with first races at 8pm. So if you like a little flutter then come along.

27th April - We have X Factor finalist **Matt Linnen** performing at the club, with special guests. Tickets are £10 per person and available from behind the bar or via Chris Green tickets selling fast please do not miss the chance to come and see him live.

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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
8	Not Supplied
9	Not Supplied
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Referee

Tim Lynch (*London Society*)

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PLAYER PROFILE

LUKE COURT-RIND

NAME – Luke-John Court-Rhind

D.O.B – 23/06/1989

POSITION – Second-Row/Winger

NICKNAME – Sam Burgess

WEIGHT – 110kg

HEIGHT – 6ft 6"

FAVOURITE FOOD – Pizza

FAVOURITE DRINK – Waikato draught

BEST RUGBY MEMORY – Winning the Rugby World Cup back to back with the All Blacks

WORST RUGBY MEMORY – Having to play alongside Adam Ferrier (no one likes him)

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

- 1 – Pamela Anderson for obvious reasons
- 2 – Jennifer Aniston for obvious reasons
- 3 – Scarlett Johansson for obvious reasons

FUNNIEST IN THE TEAM – Me

WORST DRESSED – Danny Cleare

LONGEST IN THE SHOWER – Ricki Gould



Statistics & League Table

MOST APPEARANCES



1. **L Court-Rind** 18
Second Row
2. **S Whatling** 18
Openside Flanker
3. **M Billings** 18
Full Back

MOST POINTS



1. **T Ashton** 167
Fly Half
2. **M Billings** 130
Full Back
3. **M Stewart** 105
Outside Centre

MOST TRIES



1. **M Billings** 26
Full Back
2. **M Bennett** 17
Left Wing
3. **S Whatling** 13
Openside Flanker

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2	Sudbury	16	13	0	3	768	263	505	14	2	68
3	Wanstead	16	12	1	3	522	340	182	13	0	63
4	Norwich	16	11	0	5	533	257	276	10	2	57
5	Harlow	16	8	1	7	419	498	-79	7	1	42
6	Romford & Gidea Park	16	7	1	8	345	517	-172	5	1	36
7	Ipswich	16	6	0	10	292	550	-258	4	2	30
8	Chelmsford	16	5	0	11	294	611	-317	5	2	27
9	Epping Upper Clapton	16	6	0	10	316	508	-192	5	1	25
10	Cantabrigian	16	4	0	12	275	569	-294	4	3	23
11	Woodford	16	3	0	13	328	619	-291	5	1	18
12	Old Cooperians	16	3	1	12	296	415	-119	2	6	17

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