



Rochford Hundred Rugby Football Club

Versus Dorking RFC



Saturday 18th March 2023 Kick Off 2.00pm



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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 of January 1962 at the Bull Inn, Hawkwell, 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 of the Club 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. Bob was Head of PE at the local comprehensive school and brought along many pupils from the school to play for Rochford.

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 several players from Rochford Comprehensive School (now King Edmund), Rayleigh Secondary Modern School (now Fitzwimarc) and Sweyne School. Indeed David Allen (founder of DHL and 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.

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. 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.



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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

In 1971/72, when Malcolm Fleming was captain, there were two memorable games 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 at that time.

The pitches in those early days at Magnolia Road were frankly dreadful but over the years there has been considerable work done on them and the 1st XV pitch is now one of the best plating surfaces in Essex. 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 to the top pitch.

Our youth section started in 1991 has gone from strength to strength and provides players for our 1st XV and other club teams. In past seasons our Mens 1st XV has been almost entirely made up of former youth players and we have a strong, growing ladies' team, the Rochford Hundred Vixens together with a girl's section.

The Mens 1st XV played a lot of its rugby from the turn of the century in the London Leagues, dropping up and down from London 1 to London 3. Around this time the Essex Senior Cup was the major trophy to win and up until 1999 Rochford had never won it. In that year we reached the final and played Basildon at Westcliff in front of huge crowd, Rochford were triumphant that day to record their first ever win of the Essex Senior Cup. After that we reached many Essex Senior and Intermediate Cup Finals, winning them a further 6 times, before the Cup lost some of its glamour, and we are now too high in the league structure to be able to compete in the competition.

In 2017 the Mens 1st XV were playing in London 2 North East when we decided to have a concerted push for promotion. The team then went on an incredible journey to take the title by storm without losing a single league game, gaining a bonus point in every one of them, and knocking up 1280 points in the process. Promotion to London 1 North gave us stronger opposition, but we remained unbeaten for the whole season again, repeating gaining a bonus point in every match, and scoring 1480 points. The London Premier League saw us play at the highest level that the club had ever played at before but gave us our 3rd promotion as Champions in consecutive years. Starting our season again unbeaten and with full bonus points, with that run finally came to an end after 54 matches across 3 seasons.

Covid put an early end to this season, and the RFU league algorithm confirmed us as champions, with Guernsey runners up. Our tremendous performance and win away at Guernsey being the pivotal decider in the league placing, and the fact we only lost 2 matches during the whole season too.

We now find ourselves, for the first time in our history, playing National League rugby in National 2 East, somewhere we hope to stay for a long time, being in the top 81 clubs in the country, and we can look back on 60 years of activity with considerable satisfaction



CHAIRMANS MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

So, this week we play another team right at the top of National Two East, Dorking. Dorking got promoted to this league this season and what a season they are having. They are currently 5th in the league and have had some great results, so it will be another very hard game for us this week, especially with our horrific injury list.

We lost 59 - 24 at the away game last October but even Dorking will tell you we were right in it until the referee decided to whistle us out of the game. I know the team will give it all they have today as we need every point we can get. I am sure Danny will mention it in his notes but I am sure an ex Rochford Hundred 'old boy' will be at the match today. If so, we warmly welcome back Andrew Frost to Rochford Hundred. As a young player playing for Rochford it was clear Andrew was a very good rugby player and if it was not for some unfortunate injuries I am sure he would have gone right to the very top. Welcome back Andrew. You and your club are very welcome today.

Today's Match Sponsors are MAH builders and Property Services. Mark and Adam have been responsible for building our new changing room along with their dedicated workforce. I have to say they all have done a fantastic job and we are very pleased with the (almost) finished product.

Enjoy the match today whoever you are supporting and as usual from me please respect all the players from both teams and especially the officials.

Ray Stephenson

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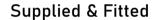
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Formed in 1921, Dorking Rugby Club is a leading Surrey Club.

Dorking is a club for the whole community with 5 Senior Teams, a rejuvenated Women's section, and a thriving youth & Mini section of over 600 children made up of Junior (U18-U12), Kids First (U11-U5) & Girls Sections.

Years of dedication and hard work by the playing squad combined with a strong support team of coaches, physios, supporters, partners and sponsors have been rewarded by unprecedented levels of success for Dorking Rugby Football Club in recent seasons, culminating in the Centenary year of 2021-22 which saw the 1st XV promoted back into the National Leagues for the first time since 2016.



COACHES CORNER

Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Dorking.

Last week we celebrated the excellent work our volunteers do and I am glad we were able to put a performance that warranted an excellent cause. The game against OA's was an exciting game that could have gone either way and a draw may have been a fair result although I felt we probably should have got more out of. OA's started the more positive side scoring 2 early scores but after that we were arguably the more dominant side for the remainder of the match. On another day going 14-0 down to an excellent side would have seen us crumble but last week we showed the character we need to show if we want to stay in this league. The players kicked themselves into gear and scored 2 brilliant try's before half time which were both created through sustained pressure. The second half saw us have the better of the game but unfortunately we couldn't nick the win at the end with a missed penalty attempt from Chris Dudman, despite the crowd willing it through.

The performance was such an improvement on the week before against Bury and so many of our players were held together by tape, and the squad was changing all the way up until 2 hours before kick-off due to further injuries, so it was testament to their desire to put in a performance like that and overcome so much adversity.

Today we welcome Dorking who are having a fantastic season so far. They have recruited well and built onto a strong promotion winning squad from last year. They no doubt had aspirations to do well but I think even they will be delighted with where they are placed at this stage of the season. They bring with them an excellent pack which

consists of size and strong carriers, and a backline that can score from anywhere. There is no doubt we will need to be at our best if we want to win this game but I truly believe we are capable if we show the some passion and fight as last week. But we will have to cut out the errors, all 3 of OA's scores last week were gimmes and we wont get away with that against Dorking.

Although we have lost some important players from last week like Tauren Henwood, Caley Gray and Najee Mundicha, we are happy to welcome back Ben Thomas, Chris Shields, Damien Brambley and captain Aston this week.

Enjoy the game.

Jany Cleare

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Head Coach





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- 2 Jonathan Ellis
- 3 Thomas Bristow
- 4 William Scholes
- 5 lasper King
- 6 Daragh Chambers
- 7 Frederick Dalton
- 8 Rory Mitchell
- **9** George lackson
- **10** Henry Anscombe
- 11 Tobermory McRae
- **12** Ryan Jeffrey
- **13** Fraser Moseley
- 14 Daniel Riches
- 15 Andrew Ramsden

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- **16** Callum Watson
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Barnes RFC	Barnes	21	15	0	6	728	377	351	16	3	79	0
BURY	Bury St Edmunds	21	15	0	6	663	494	169	14	2	76	0
	Dorking	21	13	1	7	703	439	264	14	5	73	0
HENRY MARKET	Henley	21	13	0	8	584	466	118	11	4	67	0
RUGIN	O Albanian	21	12	1	8	568	504	64	14	0	64	0
	Tonbridge Juddians	22	12	0	10	582	503	79	11	2	61	0
RAIDERS	Guernsey	22	8	1	13	597	586	11	11	5	50	0
canterburyrfc	Canterbury	22	7	0	15	533	668	-135	10	3	41	0
	Sevenoaks	21	5	2	14	431	614	-183	8	6	38	0
	Rochford Hundred	21	5	1	15	383	803	-420	9	2	33	0
VIKINGS	North Walsham	21	6	0	15	468	723	-255	6	1	31	0
	Westcliff	21	0	0	21	270	1142	-872	2	2	-1	-5

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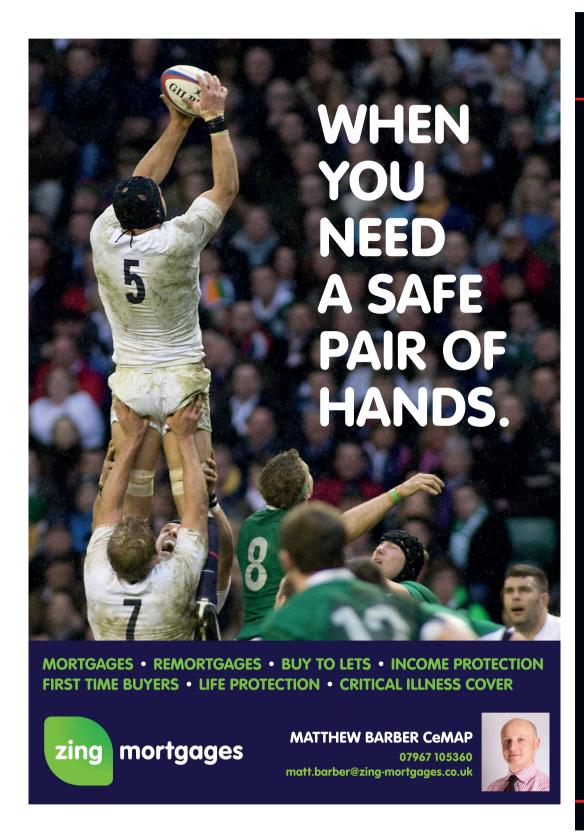
Saturday 18th March 2023

Time	Match	Venue
15:00	Bury St Edmunds v Blackheath	GK IPA Haberden
15:00	Henley v North Walsham	Dry Leas
15:00	O Albanian v Westcliff	The Woollams
14:00	Rochford Hundred v Dorking	The Rugby Park
15:00	Sevenoaks v Barnes	Knole Paddock













Rochford Hundred Squad 2022/23

STAFF & COACHES



Danny Cleare Head Coach



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