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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.

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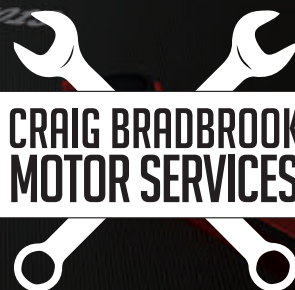
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Harry Hudson

NAME – Harry Hudson

D.O.B – 23/10/1992

POSITION – Back Row

NICKNAME – Daddy

WEIGHT – 98kg

HEIGHT – 6ft 2"



SPORTING HERO – Chris Vaughan/Craig Strachan

NON SPORTING HERO – I am my own hero

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU WE WOULDN'T KNOW

– Not many people know, I caught Dudman watching twilight

WHAT SPORT DO YOU LIKE APART FROM RUGBY?

– It's union or nothing for me

HARDEST OPPONENT FACED – Jake Polledri

MOST ANNOYING TEAM MATE – Iain Meads

ROCHFORD RUGBY HERO – Mr Johnson

Director of Rugby Report

Welcome to our visitors today who have had a healthy start to the season and will look to build on that today. From the outside they look a very well run club with a clear identity. We welcome them and look forward to sharing some time socially after the game.

Our start to the season has been positive, of that there is no doubt and we have maximum points which is a testament to the ambition of this group. There can be questions upon some technical aspects and execution of certain things, but one thing you can never question is whether or not we will turn up... We always do and you can't ask more than that. To beat us, a team will have to fight to the very end and its certainly an attitude you can't buy (as some others from the outside might suggest!).

Since my last report we have seen us compete in a fantastic game with Guernsey and record a good win on the road at Sidcup. The Guernsey game was certainly of a very high standard and was a treat for people watching I'm sure. We need that big support and I urge all of you to continue what has been an impressive turn out so far this season. Thanks to our sponsors Seetec who I'm sure will enjoy a good dinner and I look forward to seeing you all at Wimbledon in what could be a decisive encounter.

Finally I would like to thank all involved who raised in excess of £800 for the Golden Geese charity at the last home game. This was a fantastic show of support for Charlie Read who tragically died on the Monday after. This was a huge shock to Dan Legge and Shelley who are close personal friends of mine and it certainly puts things into perspective. The

courage shown by Charlie and his attitude in living every day to the fullest is an inspiration we should all follow. He put more into his 16 years of life than many others will in 80 and his memory and life have touched a community like I've never seen before. Today is only a game of rugby and I urge you all to think of his struggle when you think of your own. It pales into insignificance! Daniel is one of the most decent, honest blokes I have ever known and as a club our deepest sympathies are with him and Shelley. If one thing is to be learnt from Charlie, it is that you live every day to its fullest and we certainly aim to do that today.

RIP Charlie.

Chris Green

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club
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Chairman's Message

Welcome everyone. Well today we welcome another team we have not played in the league. Tunbridge Wells are a side well established at this level so we will have a hard afternoon.

We are enjoying a good start to the season which has given us some injury challenges, which in turn obviously enables others the opportunity to show what they can do on the pitch. Last week saw young Hawes come off the bench for his first senior game. Our aim is that this will bring continued success to the club as we invest in the academy players. I am sure we will see more playing their part as the season goes on. Senior rugby is going well but it would be great to see more of the past players returning to the game, sharing their experience.

Today we have our main sponsor at the lunch, Seetec. This is a great partnership for us. Seetec hope to give people of all abilities opportunities to learn new skills bettering themselves, we as a club is something that we strive to do also.

As you are all aware, we raised money for Gold Geese Charity at the last lunch, well thanks to you they will receive in excess of £800 from us.

We have the barn dance coming up on the 19th October so please speak to Louise Archer for tickets. Fireworks will be held on Friday the 1st November, usual format, please bring 1 large firework only per entry.

There will also be a Christmas Party on the 21st December, more details to follow. I would like to thank the ladies who are putting in a great deal of effort to bring events to the club.

Lastly, please respect the officials as without them we have no game, so no jeering, even if in your opinion they make a mistake. If you really are that familiar with the Laws then maybe you want to become a referee... let me know.

Again please if you know of any people wanting to sponsor us please let me know.

Have a great day.

Peter Van Den Broeck

Rochford Hundred Rugby Club - Chairman



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- 13 Ryan Taylor-Dennehy
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- 15 Oliver Allman

Substitutes

- 16 Luke Hawkins
- 17 George Montgomery
- 18 Arek Janeczko

Referee

David Herdman (LSRFUR)

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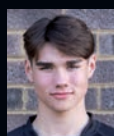
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Craig Strachan

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D.O.B – 13/10/1992

POSITION – 1, 2, 6, 7

NICKNAME – Haddock

WEIGHT – 97kg

HEIGHT – 1.78m

SPORTING HERO – Chris Benoit

NON SPORTING HERO – Micheal Scott

SOMETHING ABOUT YOU WE WOULDN'T KNOW

– I own a sauna

WHAT SPORT DO YOU LIKE APART FROM RUGBY?

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