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Saturday 12th March 2022 Kick Off 3.00pm



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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Hello everyone and a welcome to Barnes RFC, making their first visit to Magnolia Road. We lost a frustrating game at Barnes earlier in the season and I am confident we can turn it around today, but I am sure Barnes will have something to say about that. You are all very welcome and I hope that, whatever the result today, you have an enjoyable day at Rochford Hundred RFC.

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Our last home game provided us with our first win in 2022 when we beat Barnstaple 33-9. All the hard work the team put into training every week paid off and our outstanding pack led the way over the try line. After narrowly losing the three previous home games it was good to see the team get the win their rugby over recent weeks deserved. Let's hope we can do it again today.

As we are beginning to find our feet in National League rugby

I am reminded that the main attribute that everyone within this Club has is ambition. For us to be successful on the pitch we need to have a strong foundation to work from. We have that strong foundation and are building on it. One thing visiting teams are saying to us is just difficult it is to beat us at home. Sounds a strange thing to say given how many games we have lost at home, but apart maybe from one game, we have always been in strong contention in all those games and have been really unlucky not to win many more at home. As this season begins to draw to a close we fully intend to make it even more difficult for teams to win here next season in the newly constructed National League 2 Mid, or is it South? Whatever they call it and whoever ends up joining us we will look to build on this first season of National rugby at Rochford to help ensure we stay for many seasons to come.

Please do not underestimate just how important your support of the team is. Your valuable support, energy and positive noise for the players is greatly appreciated by the team. Whoever you are supporting today, applaud good rugby from both teams and please respect the decisions of the match officials.

Have a great day

Ray Stephenson

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Chairman



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PLAYER PROFILE

GEORGE GRIFFITHS

NAME – George Griffiths

AGE – 22

HEIGHT – 6ft 2

WEIGHT – 95kg

POSITION – Wing

PREVIOUS CLUBS

– Southend and Henley Hawks

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Barnes Rugby Club is a club with a rich history and was established in Barnes in the 1920's. Although there are indeed possibilities that our earliest recorded match was in November 1862 versus Richmond and played at Barn Elms, it is from the 1920's that our true history is clear.

With the advent of leagues, Barnes, then known as Old Harrodians, were placed in Surrey Three. In 1990/91, the club started the season with no ground or clubhouse after the Harrods store was sold and their sports club in Lonsdale Road, Barnes was sold off and turned into a school. After a big effort from all at the club, a decision was taken to play and train at Barn Elms, and members donated to refurbish a clubhouse adjacent to the land.

By the mid Nineties, the club, now named after the village in which they played, finally climbed out of the Surrey Leagues, and took a while to establish themselves in the London Divisions. Six seasons in London Three South-West followed, which saw consistently improving league positions, resulted in back-to-back promotions in 2001/02. 2003/04 saw the club battle to make the jump to London One, but fell at the last hurdle, after finishing as runners-up. However, the Green & Golds went one step better the year after, winning the London Two South championship. Four years were spent at the pinnacle of London Divisional rugby with Barnes consistently battling it out with the likes of Richmond, London Scottish, Ealing and Worthing at the top of the table. The side finished as runners-up in 2009 before one of the biggest days in their history as they hosted South-West One runners-up Bracknell. Barnes recorded a famous win, to reach the dizzying heights of Step Four of the English game.

That a village club could reach National Two was incredible. The season ahead was a struggle, but, led by Director of Rugby Carson Russell, Barnes continued to play an eye-catching expansive style.

Numerous games were lost in the last ten minutes which was, ultimately, to prove the team's downfall, and a return to what became National Three London followed for last season. 2010/11 was an incredible campaign for the Green and Golds as only two matches were lost all season, despite this, the promotion race came down to the last three matches of the season, as Barnes faced Dorking, Hertford and Amptill, their three rivals for the championship. The run-in started at Dorking's "Big Field" where the Surrey side had not lost for two years – but a famous Barnes win was recorded. The following week, league leaders Hertford came to Barn Elms, and one of the biggest crowds to ever watch the club witnessed an astonishing match in which over eighty points were scored, with the home side hanging on to win at the death. The championship was won on the last day as Amptill were put to the sword. Incredibly, Barnes returned to National Two South at the first time of asking.

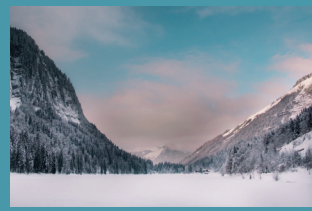
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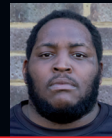
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Last week against Leicester we were playing against a really in-form team who have a bit of a fortress at home winning their last 7 before us so we knew we were in for a tough game. And to be fair, first half we had the better of the game dominating possession and territory but we lacked a cutting edge once we got close to their line. The second half we were more on the back foot and had to defend for large spells and despite conceding 5 tries in the match we were actually largely pleased with how we defended and fronted up. Despite the result we definitely took some positives from the game which we can hopefully demonstrate again today.

Our last home game against Barnstaple was our first win of 2022 and this was a dominant performance particularly in the first half. We had all the ball and all the territory and attacked at a good intensity scoring 3 nice tries to lead 21-9 at HT. The second half however we started slowly and the game went stale but we did manage to finish strong scoring 2 late tries and securing the bonus point which was deserved on the balance of play.

Our home form has been pretty good this year and despite struggling for wins we do generally compete and have chances to win many of these matches. So hopefully coming off a win in our last home game and putting in a strong defensive display away at Leicester last week we are

confident we can win today if we reach them levels.

Barnes however are a tough team and have had some excellent results this season scoring a lot of points. We felt a missed opportunity away at their place as we played well first half but we got blown away second half and didn't match their tempo and ended up losing by 8 points. So I have no doubt today will be a close and competitive affair.

Enjoy the Game.

Danny Cleare

ROCHFORD HUNDRED RUGBY CLUB
- Head Coach



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ROCHFORD HUNDRED

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BARNES

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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.



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 Esher	22	17	1	4	737	462	275	15	2	87
 Worthing	22	17	0	5	655	448	207	16	3	87
 Clifton	23	17	0	6	871	506	365	15	3	86
 Henley	23	14	3	6	612	478	134	11	3	76
 Leicester Lions	21	13	0	8	571	445	126	11	4	67
 Bury St Edmunds	22	12	2	8	597	513	84	8	4	64
 Guernsey	20	12	0	8	533	488	45	9	2	59
 Dings	23	9	1	13	636	654	-18	15	6	59
 O Albanian	23	10	0	13	652	588	64	11	8	54
 Barnes	23	7	5	11	533	564	-31	8	4	50
 Hinckley	21	8	0	13	523	595	-72	8	5	45
 Canterbury	22	8	1	13	456	477	-21	6	4	44
 Rochford Hundred	22	5	0	17	403	633	-230	6	6	32
 Westcliff	23	2	0	21	307	1105	-798	3	1	12
 Barnstaple	23	2	0	21	331	776	-445	0	2	10

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Saturday 12th February 2022

Time	Match	Venue
14:00	Barnstaple v O Albanian	Pottington Road
14:00	Bury St Edmunds v Redruth	GK IPA Haberdern
15:00	Canterbury v Hinckley	The Marine Travel Ground
15:00	Dings Crusaders v Leicester Lions	Shaftesbury Park
15:00	Esher v Westcliff	Molesey Road
14:00	Guernsey v Clifton	Footes Lane
15:00	Rochford Hundred v Barnes	The Rugby Park
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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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