

# Michael Buck

## Celebrating 100 TRFC Caps

### **What is your earliest memory of TRFC?**

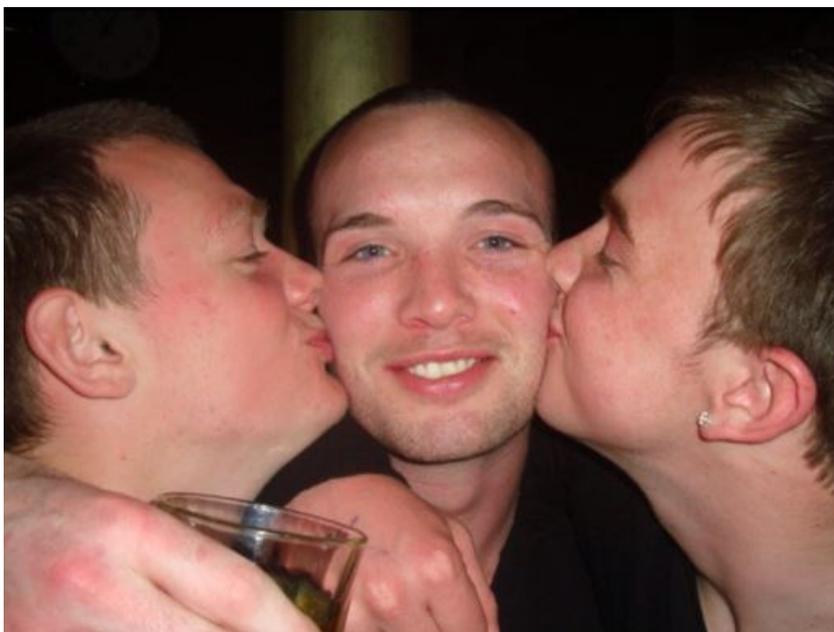
Not necessarily rugby related but my earliest memory of the club is jumping the ditch to go to the park, misjudging it and landing on a broken bottle almost severing my finger. Tony Yerby (with all his medical expertise) fixed me up and sent me off to A and E.

### **What age were you when you started playing for the Minis?**

I was five. It was a toss up between Richmond and TRFC but Tom Moses persuaded us to go with the T's.

### **Who, in your early years, has been the biggest influence on you in your rugby career?**

There are a few people who had a big influence on my early years. Clive See for bringing me up and encouraging me from the start. Now I wish he'd stop following me! I couldn't have done it without the support of my Mum and Dad. They were always there on the sidelines supporting me and Dad has to go down as the oldest waterboy on the pitch!



### **Who, in your senior years has been the biggest influence on you?**

There have been a few players who have influenced me. Coming into the team, Joe Ash was the one to whom I looked for advice, guidance and Jaegerbombs.



**100 caps....what do you remember of the first one?**

I don't remember the game but I remember the pre-match team talk in which Charlie I'Anson was screaming whilst Neil Clark (Clarkie) was punching himself in the face to hype themselves up. I did start to wonder what I had let myself in for.

**The best thing about TRFC?**

The best thing is the family atmosphere. It's my second home, I've always been here, it's where I grew up.

**Given your obvious talents, why TRFC instead of glory and riches elsewhere?**

Sorry....there are other clubs?

**When you hang up your boots, what will be your abiding memory of TRFC?**

I would miss the excitement and the adrenaline rush of playing rugby. You also can't beat the camaraderie, it's a great club to be a member of. Which is why you're never kicking me out of the club house, I'll be there as long as I can still hold a pint.

**If the lads could sum you up in a sentence, what do you think they would say?**

I would hope that they would say that I'm reliable, committed and prepared to put my body on the line for my team.



*Many thanks to the Team Buck for putting together the Q & A and providing the pictures.*

*All the very best and congratulations on a magnificent achievement, from everyone at Twickenham RFC*