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Celebrating 100 TRFC Caps

What is your earliest memory of TRFC?

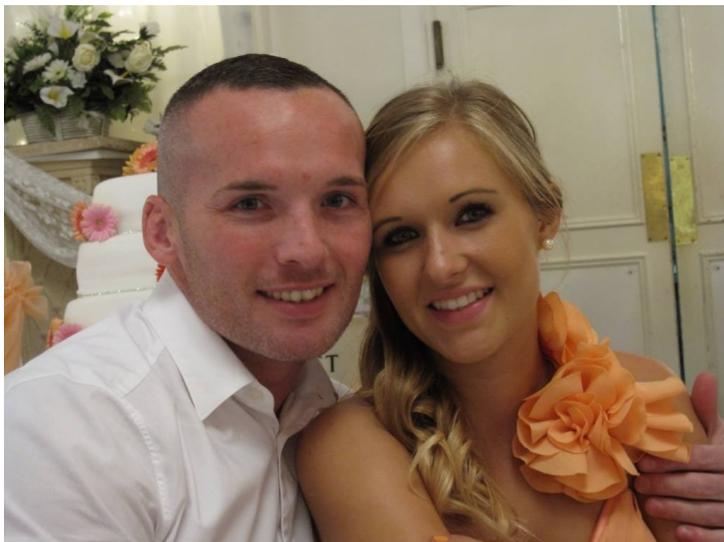
Taking home a leaflet that Richard Moses brought into school and saying to my dad "I want to play rugby at Twickenham." My dad told me "are you sure you want to play, it's a rough sport and you get pushed around" and I said "Yes!." That's when I started playing with Matthew Wadden and Richard Moses.

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

I was six!

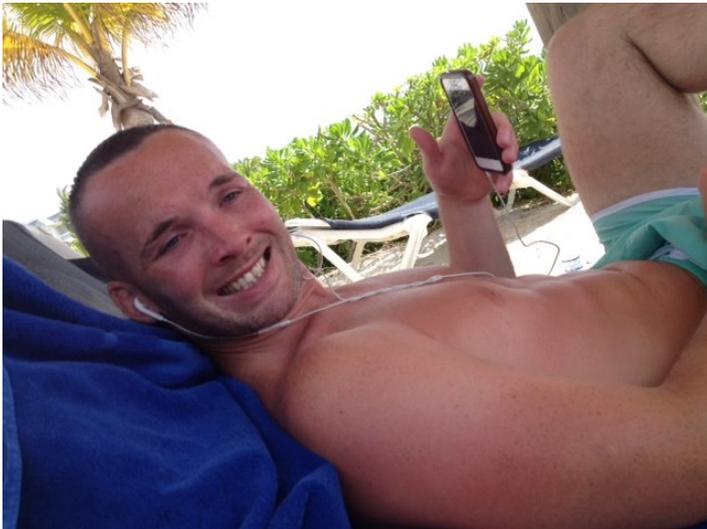
Who, in your early years, has been the biggest influence on you in your rugby career?

My grandad for supporting me at every game and always offering to buy me boots and kit etc. (and my mum for being the taxi to training and games)



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

My mum at the beginning of my senior years, and in the most recent years, my girlfriend is my biggest fan!!



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

If I'm right, it was against London Kiwi's away and I remember sitting in the changing room when Earl was our coach. He went around the room and said to everyone, "tell me one thing you are going to do in this game." I remember saying "to smash anyone that comes near me with the ball!" Charlie l'Anson commented "love it."

The best thing about TRFC?

The family - the players bond and friendship

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

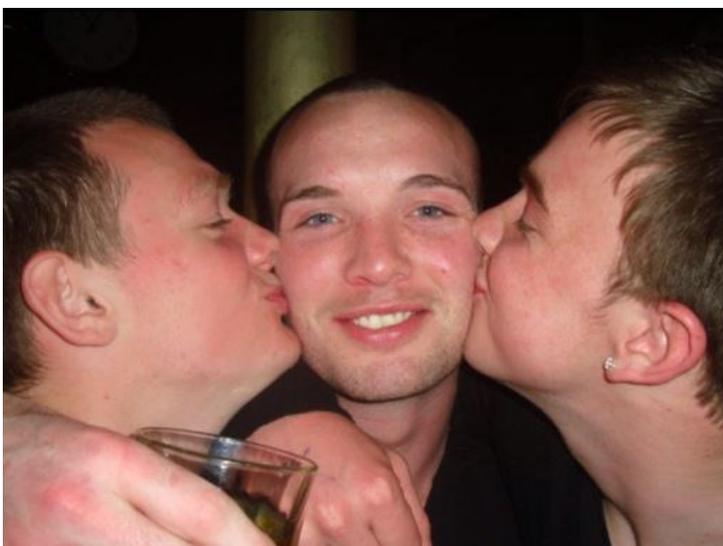
I can't deny that I didn't go elsewhere, because I did at one stage, however I realised my roots and came home.

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

Just how great the club is and how it's a great group of guys to get involved with and play with week in and week out. I would recommend this club to anyone.

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

The good looking one of the team with a big...heart!



Many thanks to the Sarah Ainger 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