

SOMEONE YOU MIGHT RECOGNISE AROUND THE CLUB - No. 1 DANNY GRAY

Danny started playing his rugby as a 6 year old on Oaklands Park with the Chichester RFC M&Js during the 1989 - 1990 season (coached by Dennis Polhill); he was a fly-half right from the start and played in that position throughout his career. Danny completed 6th Form at the Chichester High School and then joined the Bath Academy and followed on to Bath University. In 1996 he moved to Bristol to join their Academy and was awarded a first team contract to play in the Championship in



the 1997 - 1998 season. As a 17/18 years old at the time he secured the No. 10 jersey and gained hugely valuable experience. Bristol were promoted to the Premiership in 2004 and Danny spent 3 years playing first team rugby, finishing in the starting 10 position in the 2006 - 2007 Premiership Semi Final against Leicester Tigers. In that season he also played for England 7s touring New Zealand, Dubai, San Diego and Scotland.

Danny moved to Exeter Chiefs in the 2007 - 2008 season spending 3 years in the Championship and ending with winning promotion to the Premiership against Bristol Rugby. He then moved to France for a year to gain a different perspective and experience with Montauban. His old Bristol coach and then Worcester Warriors' coach (Richard Hill) then offered Danny a contact to sign for Worcester. He played for the Warriors for 3 seasons before retiring from professional rugby and moving back to Chichester. He decided to finish back where it all started with a return to Chichester RFC's 1st team as a Player Coach for the historic year following their promotion to the National leagues. After 3 seasons in the National Leagues, Danny officially retired from playing rugby at the same club he started at nearly 30 years earlier.



Danny is one of the most successful and talented rugby players to come out of Chichester. He now runs Nexa Properties with his brother Jamie Gray. A generous club sponsor, you'll see his company's logo on some of the senior rugby kit. You may see Danny up at Oaklands on any given Sunday giving back to the club as a CRFC M&J coach. Make sure you say hello.