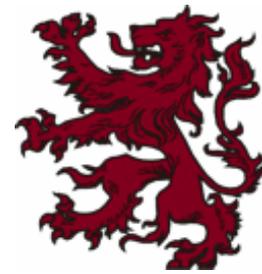


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“Aleki Lutui Joins Amphill For National 1”

Amphill, Beds – Aleki Lutui, Tongan & Pacific Islanders international Hooker who formerly played for Waikato Chiefs in the Super 12, Worcester Warriors in the Premiership, Edinburgh Reivers in the Rabo Pro Direct and currently Gloucester in the Premiership has become the first confirmed new signing for Amphill & District’s 2015-16 National 1 campaign.

Born in Tofoa 36 years ago, Aleki has 43 caps for Tonga including the 2007 & 2011 Rugby World Cups. Capped 7 times for the Pacific Islanders his 6ft 0in (1.83m), 17st 4lb (110kg) frame has seen him renowned for his ball carrying and abrasive tackling at every level. Capable of playing at Loosehead prop as well as Hooker he will strengthen Amphill’s front row options for the step up to level 3 rugby.

Aleki’s career includes 278 appearances in first class rugby including 36 for the Chiefs, 168 for Warriors, 15 for Reivers and 14 for Gloucester.



Mark Lavery (Director of Rugby) comments *“I am delighted Aleki has chosen Amphill, from a number of options, to continue his career, he will bring dynamic power and significant international experience to the forward pack. I think Aleki’s decision was made easier by the presence of a number of his former international colleagues at Amphill, all of whom have contributed much to the club’s development over the past few years.”*

Aleki comments *“I am pleased and excited to join Amphill’s rugby journey where I intend to further the contribution made by my fellow Tongans who speak so highly of the club.”*

Amphill RUFC, a Bedfordshire based community rugby club with more than 500 members regularly fields more than 16 teams each week during the season drawn from its senior, youth (U19), junior (U12-U17), mini (U6-U11) and female squads.

We strive “to have fun broadening the life experience of our members & the local community, especially children, by developing their rugby skills through training, teamwork and competitive opportunity”

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