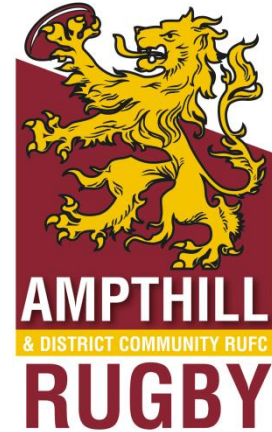


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**“Exeter Chiefs’ Brett Sturgess Joins Amphill As Player/Coach”**

Amphill, Beds – Brett Sturgess, Exeter Chiefs Loosehead Prop, who formerly played for Connacht in the Magners League and Northampton Saints in the Premiership has joined Amphill for season 2016-17 as player and specialist scrum coach.

Born in Kettering 34 years ago, Brett has been a professional rugby player for 17 years. His 6ft 2in (1.88m), 17st 8lb (112kg) frame has seen him not only renowned for his scrummaging prowess but also his mobility and skills.

Initially interested in football and cricket Brett began his rugby career late at age 16 for Kettering before joining Northampton Saints aged 17. He made his Premiership debut off the bench aged 18 against Saracens and started his first game a year later.

Brett represented England in the 2002 U21 RWC and his career includes 48 appearances for Northampton Saints, 19 for Connacht and 168 for Exeter as well as the Barbarians.



Mark Lavery (Director of Rugby) comments *“I am delighted that Brett has chosen Amphill to continue his career, his wealth of Premiership experience will aid our young player development while his leadership qualities will benefit our entire squad.”*

Brett comments *“I am pleased and excited to join Amphill and I intend to contribute in any way I can both on and off the field. Having made the decision to return to the East Midlands with my family Amphill was an obvious choice sealed by the club’s ambition and ethos which reminds me of Exeter when I joined them in 2007.”*

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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