

PLAYER HIGHLIGHT

STATS

NAME: DAVE HUGHES

POSITION: LOCK

BORN: 16/07/1994

HEIGHT: 197CM

WEIGHT: 118KG

Joined Academy – 2007/08 season

Current Status – Regional Academy –
(Eng Academy Player)

Match Programme 2012/13– London
Wasps 1st XV/2nd XV – Chinnor RFC
(Dual Registration).

Dave made his London Wasps 1st XV debut last week off of the bench in the LV=Cup match against Cardiff. Prior to this, Dave has made 2 appearances for Chinnor off the bench in October 2012. Dave's Senior match experience was limited due to injury last season playing for the Wasps AASE and again incurring injury on the England U18 tour to South Africa.

much more improvement to make as he is still only 18 years old. He has exceptional athletic ability with strength, power, speed and jumping ability. A strong scrummaging lock and a strong tackler. Dave is still very much "work in progress" with great scope to develop further over the next two years

within a strong rugby environment. With game time opportunities to progress open to him at Wasps and Chinnor I expect Wasps supporters to enjoy the progress of another local young Academy player in the near future.

COACHES COMMENTS

Dave has been developed through the classic Academy route. Starting off in the 2007/08 season with Oxfordshire/Wasps School of Rugby (SOR) as a 12 year old. During his years within the Oxon SOR, Dave was identified as a talented and aspiring young player and invited to attend EPDG sessions based at Henley RFC in season 2009/10. In September 2010, Dave made the decision to apply for a place in the Wasps AASE programme which was then based at Twyford High School.

After graduating from Twyford High School, Dave was duly promoted to the Academy EAP level – this is the highest Academy level, not available to the AASE players until they graduate. Having missed out on selection into Divisional level at U16, this was a particularly strong statement of intent. Having not been at a high performing Rugby school in Oxfordshire, Dave needed regular high level training to compliment his outstanding athletic ability. Very quickly Dave attracted interest from John Fletcher's England U18 Conference Squad and was duly promoted into this group, bypassing the traditional County, Divisional pathway. With a strong rugby programme to support him, Dave has made exceptional progress, benefitting from being around high performance players and receiving good direction from his coaches at Club and Rep level.

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