

JAMES HURLOCK (R2001-6)

Although James only left the College in July 2006, he has already made a significant mark on the rugby field. After being captain of an unbeaten College side he went on to captain the England U18 XV to victory against 32 other European countries – and to cap it all they beat France in the final!

James was born on 12 March 1988 and started playing rugby when he was seven in Suffolk and played club rugby through the mini age groups. When he was 11 he went to Greshams Prep School and his rugby really gathered pace under the coaching there. In his last year with them, he played in an unbeaten side beating all local schools and strong touring sides.

In 2001 he came to Framlingham. He played in the First XV in his last three years, being made captain for the last two years. He was told that he was their youngest ever First XV captain at sixteen, as far as records go back. He led them through two very successful seasons, winning 8 from 12 in the 2004 season and winning all their 15 games in his last year (2005 season). It is believed that this was the first time that this had been achieved in the 80 year history rugby has been played at the College. Below is a picture taken after the last game against St Josephs – James is 2nd from left.



Whilst at Framlingham, James played for Bishops Stortford Rugby Club. In April 2005 they won a major European Festival played at London Irish. The two day tournament was attended by sixteen major clubs, with approximately 350 players attending. James was awarded the Player of the Festival Trophy.

Having played for Norfolk, Suffolk and Eastern Counties, in 2006, he was selected to play for London and South East Division. Following a fine performance playing for them against the Welsh Boys Club, where he was

awarded the Man of the Match award, he caught the attention of the England selectors. He played for England U18 against Wales and Scotland, and having captained in these two games, he was selected to captain the Association of European Rugby squad to play in the European Tournament in Treviso, Italy. This tournament took place in April 2006 and involved 32 countries. England won all their games beating Portugal (67-12) and Italy (29-0) and were crowned European champions by beating France 15-7 in the Final.

James playing against Portugal



James playing against France and with the winning team at the end of the final v France



James collecting the European trophy after beating France in 2006



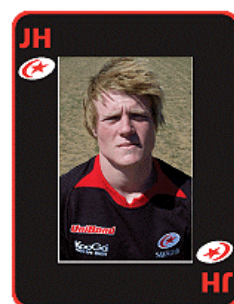
Eastern Counties Rugby Union recognised nine of its young players who represented England during 2006/07. The Internationals were presented with personally engraved county shields at the Annual Dinner held at Lynford Hall near Thetford in Norfolk (James is 2nd from left)



After leaving Framlingham, James joined the Saracens Academy at Hatfield combining his rugby and studying for a degree in Business and Marketing at the University of Herts.

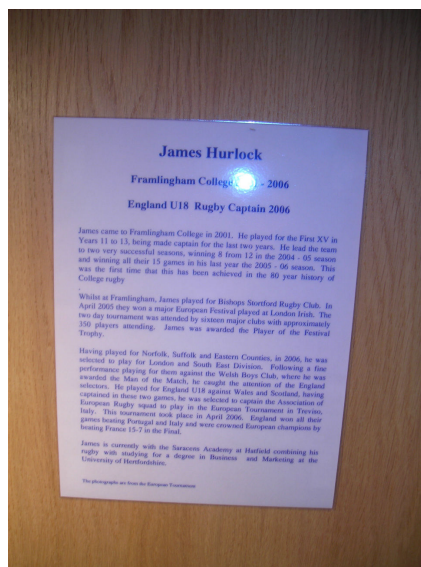
His vital statistics are listed as 6ft 3in (1.93m) tall and 15st 8lbs (98kg) in weight.

See <http://www.saracens.com/academy/profile.php?id=200>



It will probably be many years before the College has another England Rugby Captain!!

James Alvis, the current Director of Sport at Framlingham, has organised a display in the entrance to the College showing James achievements and his framed England shirt. See pictures below



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RAMPAGING: Framlingham College student James Hurlock (centre), who has been selected to train with the England Under-18 rugby union squad

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James wins England call

FRAMLINGHAM College student James Hurlock has been invited to train with the England Under-18 rugby squad.

The invitation follows a series of games for Eastern Counties and the London & South East Division.

James's selection for London came on the back of a dominant performance against Hertfordshire and from there he has never looked back.

A series of training sessions with the Division prior to Christmas culminated in a match against the Welsh Boys Clubs side at Porthcawl, where

James was outstanding, gaining the man-of-the-match award.

A similar standard of performance against the Midlands at Castlecroft in early January pushed James to the forefront of the selectors' minds and consequently his call-up to the England squad.

There are now a series of key training sessions before the final selection takes place and the possibility of playing at some first-class venues around the country including Newport, Edinburgh, Gloucester and also internationally at Treviso,

Italy and Castres, France.

Richard Curtis, Framlingham College's rugby coach, said:

"James has been a very influential figure on the East Anglian 1st XV rugby circuit for the past three seasons and thoroughly deserves his place amongst this elite group of players.

"His uncompromising style of play is not always pretty to watch but, nevertheless, very effective.

"Everyone at the college is very proud of his achievements to date and we wish him every success in the coming weeks."

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NORFOLK AND ENGLAND: Former Holt youth product James Hurlock will captain England U18s at next month's European Championships in Treviso, Italy. The Framlingham College pupil led his country to a 17-10 victory against a Scotland U18 senior side at Murrayfield recently. The 18-year-old back row forward earned national selection after a series of impressive displays in this season's divisional festival. He is currently attached to the Northampton Saints academy.