

Member Profile – Edwardians Captain – Adam Savage

*(Edwardians Captain currently for 5 seasons – 2014-15, 2015-16, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 & Vice Captain for 4 Seasons – 2012-13, 2013-14, 2016-17, 2017-18)
(Eds Player of The Season 2011-12, 2018-19, Club's Top Try Scorer 2012-13, 2019-20)*

EDUCATION;

KEVI Morpeth
Jimmy Pringle School for Bruises

EMPLOYMENT;

A Manager at Sage

FAVOURITE BAND/S;

Foo Fighters, Pantera, Queen, Biffy Clyro, The Prodigy, The Beatles, Led Zepplin, Royal Blood, The Sex Pistols, Bad Religion, Gun n Roses, Frank Sinatra, Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, Michael Bublé (yes really – world class band – unreal), Slipknot....I could go on all day.

BEST MUSICAL EVENT/S ATTENDED;

Ozzfest – we travelled down to the legendary Milton Keynes Bowl in buses from outside the Mayfair. Must have been some sight - seeing Newcastle and the surrounding areas of the great unwashed loaded onto 6 buses at the crack of dawn and at that time, you could still smoke on the bus.

The rest is a happy blur of Ozzy Osbourne fronting Black Sabbath. Foo Fighters touring their 1st album and getting booed offstage. Pantera played their big track 'Walk' and my ears rang for a week. Ozzy was on MTV at the time and there were videos on the big screen of him mimicking different performers - dressing up like the Spice Girls and dancing about – kind of took the edge off the whole Prince of Darkness theme.

Foo Fighters at Wembley Stadium was a belter too.

FAVOURITE FILM/S;

Loads – probably most watched Groundhog Day, Waynes World and This Is Spinal Tap.

FAVOURITE POSITION;

Rugby. I enjoy playing number 8 the most I think but I'll play anywhere except full back – too much standing about – or scrum half – too much running!!!!

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT/S ENCOUNTERED;

Fast 'uns. We used to have some great battles with Percy Park a few years back. They always seemed to me to be that side we just couldn't put it together to win the important games. It seemed Cup Finals were always between us and them. They always seemed to have either a rapid winger or full back whom we always chose to give opportunities with stray kicks.

FAVOURITE/BEST MORPETH PLAYER/S IN SAME TEAM AS MYSELF;

I've played for a canny while now and can't pick just one;

Peter Watson in our mini rugby days was a beast – always scored and smashed people even at that level – farmer's strength. At Colts, Ali Hall was a canny hand in the pack and helped me navigate the Pringle/Keenlyside coaching double threat without too many visible scars!!!! Great coaches.

Donk (Ali Hall), was also exceptional at embedding the importance of the social side of rugby which seemed to come naturally!!

In senior rugby I most respected Alan Fleming on the pitch and would follow his lead anywhere – a hard man (in the old school sense) of few words but many actions - especially when required. Crap drinker though – likes them cocktails!!!!

BEST MORPETH RUGBY MATCH/MATCHES;

Doing the Treble in 2018-19.

Absolutely pulverising Tynedale 50-0 at Ashington to win the County Cup Final and therefore the treble, to top off what had been one of the most happy and successful seasons. A few weeks earlier we beat Gateshead 3-0 in the Candy Bowl final – in an 80-minute arm wrestle on pitch 2 in front of a less than impressed crowd of regulars. It might have been terrible rugby, but to me it was the most nail-biting game I can ever remember. Mark Parrish and I had been herding cats all season getting teams out, but we had a great squad of lads. The mood around the club was special that season – the social side of the club was great with all teams feeling part of one big club – loads of pride in the shirt. Drinking and singing with the lads on the bus home after doing the treble, then coming back to the clubhouse and celebrating with the 1st team who had also won promotion was magic. You don't get many nights like that in rugby.

Sav's 3 x MORPETH CLUB QUIZ QUESTIONS;

Q. Who won the Edwardians first player of the season award in 1999-2000?

A. Alan Mole.

Q. Who won the first Bill Hewitt Cup for Club's top try scorer in 1977-78?

A. Paul Barrow.

Q. Who has currently won the Bill Hewitt Cup for top try scorer most times?

A. Simon Cox – 8 times.

1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2002-03, 2004-05, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2011-12.