

## Player Profile

### **Education:**

King Edwards Morpeth, Northumberland College & Newcastle College.

### **Employment:**

AVID Technology Ltd.

### **Favourite Artist/Band:**

Don't really have a favourite but a big fan of Sam Fender and Oasis.

### **Best musical event attended:**

Sam Fender at the O2 academy in Newcastle last year. Smallish venue but there was a real buzz with him playing a gig in his hometown.

### **Best Morpeth rugby moment:**

Beating Malton and Norton in the play-off to gain promotion back into North East one. We defended for majority of the game to scrape a 14-11 win. Watched by one of the biggest crowds I've seen at Mitford road. Amazing day.

### **Best Morpeth Match:**

At the start of last season, we went up to Alnwick for our local derby and after several defeats to them, on the trot, everything seemed to click, and we stuffed them 5-32. We played some of the best rugby that I've been involved with at Morpeth and it's all the sweeter when Alnwick are the victims of it. To end the losing streak in that style was incredible and as always Alnwick paid us the respect we deserved.

### **If you weren't a scrum half what would you be...**

Open side Flanker. No question. The contact element is my favourite part of the game. Unfortunately, I was never gifted with size and therefore never really got that opportunity...

### **Most difficult opponent encountered:**

During colts it was always Tom Penny from Alnwick that was the most difficult to play against. Type of player that seemed to be years ahead of his age in terms of ability and that was clearly recognised as he has been involved with both the Falcons and Harlequins first teams these past few years.

More recently there's been two players, again from Alnwick, that have caused Morpeth the most issues. Peter Moralee is always a threat during these derby encounters with his lightening pace making things extremely difficult to defend. The other is James Hamilton who is not only a great player in general, but his leadership seems to give Alnwick that extra 10-15% boost every time he plays.

### **Best Morpeth Player in the same team as myself:**

I've played with a lot of good players throughout the club, but in terms of natural talent and future potential I would have to say...

Forward: Cole Wilson – One of the best ball carriers I've witnessed, good mentality and very rarely misses a tackle.

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Back: Kieran Brown – Although Kieran has had to stop playing due to injuries, he was the kind of player with the ability to create something out of nowhere. He had very good vision, was able to tackle well above his weight and had a canny nudge off the tee.

### **Jacks Morpeth Club quiz question:**

Which team did Morpeth beat to secure promotion, for the first time in history, into the North Premier league?

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