

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Marie Davies

## MYLES DORRIAN

**Fly half/Centre/Full back**

133 appearances.

2009-11 - 68 appearances. 12 tries, 37 cons, 26 pens.

2012-13 - 11 appearances. 1 try, 10 cons, 16 pens.

2015-17 - 54 appearances. 6 tries, 45 cons, 29 pens.

### Where is he now?

The Dorrian family is currently on a three week holiday in the UK and all being well, we hope today that they are at Goldington Road enjoying Boxing Day and meeting up with the many friends they left behind in Bedford over two years ago.

Welcome back to the Dorrian family - Myles, Abby, Indi and Rafe - who incidentally is making his first visit. We've missed you! Sadly, they have had to leave Goldington Road's old friend Rusty at home in Australia. Their Rhodesian Ridgeback was a frequent and awesome visitor to our ground and like the rest of the family made many friends here.

Myles was born in Wollongong or 'the Gong' as it's affectionately called, the third largest city in New South Wales. Sport played a big part in the Dorrian household.



IN ACTION FOR THE BLUES



### Mylo writes:

With four brothers and two sisters and a father who pushed us to play sport I had plenty of people to ask for advice. Two of my brothers played football while another was a big No 8, who obviously taught me to tackle! I was also very keen on surfing and this steered me away from rugby for a bit. Then I lived in Canada for two years and became very keen on rugby again. This continued when I moved back to Australia. In Australia I played in Canberra and Sydney before moving to Italy to play.

My first club in England was Coventry where Gregor Gillanders was a teammate. I had played rugby with Marco Cecere in Canberra and when an offer came from Mike, Marco told me what a great club Bedford was and urged me to join him. The two seasons I spent at Goldington Road were brilliant and very successful for the Blues.

2009-10 we finished 4th in the Championship, qualifying for the play-offs, but unfortunately lost to Exeter away.

2010-11 we finished 2nd in the Championship only losing 22-23 to Worcester in the play-off semi-final. We had also reached the Final of the British and Irish Cup after beating Worcester 43-27 in the semi. Six days later we lost narrowly 14-17 to Bristol in the Final. A memorable season!

Following my treasured time at the Blues I moved to Exeter Chiefs for two seasons, where I revelled in kicking tutorials and playing alongside a young crop of now current English internationals including Henry Slade, Jack Nowell and Luke Cowan-Dickie. A highlight of my time at the Chiefs was being able to link up again with fellow ex-Blues teammate Will Chudley.

From Exeter I moved to London Irish for a further two seasons and despite helping the Irish to the European Challenge Cup semi-finals, following a winning try and memorably kicking ten from ten I frustratingly never made it off the bench to play for the 1st XV. What this time enabled me to do instead was to observe, scrutinise and study coaching methods 'up close and personal' and trigger a desire within. I was able to finish the 2012-13 season back at Bedford playing in eleven games. What an end to the season that was! We beat Nottingham in the semi-final play-offs to go on to meet Newcastle in the Final play-offs. We lost the home leg 18-9 with a crowd of 4,000 plus supporters, and it was even closer away the following week when we lost 24-31. What an end to a great season!

I met my wife Abby in 2006 when I was playing in Coventry. She had just returned from a year travelling in Australia. She had to wait a long thirteen years for me to take her back. We married in the summer of 2013 in the South of France in torrential rain! We now have two sons Indiana, 4, and Rafe, 1, who were born in England and Australia respectively, which in the future could make supporting certain sporting events interesting!

SUCCESS WITH THE WARRINGAH RATS



BEDFORD CAP! WITH MIKE HOWARD AND JAKE SHARP

It was great in 2015 to return to Goldington Road for another two seasons. I managed another fifty four games vying with Sharpy for the fly half position. The highlight was being awarded my Bedford cap (along with Sharpy) at the End of Season Dinner in 2017. It was truly fitting to end my UK playing career at the club that is in my heart - Bedford Blues.

It was time to return to Australia where I finished off my playing career with two seasons for the Warringah Rats making two Grand Finals and winning one of them.

Today I am coaching under my old London Irish coach Brian Smith at the prestigious rugby school, the Scots College, alongside being an attacking coach in Australia's Shute Shield Division. Abby works for Film Production Company Mint Films as well as enjoying 'voice over' work and acting roles.

On our first return visit to England we are very much looking forward to spending Boxing Day at Goldington Road and see many old friends again.

MYLO AND RUSTY

