

**Richard Hugh McCaw** Nickname Richie

Born: Oamaru 31 December 1980

Loose forward

Represented N.Z. 2001 - present , 80 matches, 43 as captain

Points for N.Z. 80 (16 tries)

2001 Under 21 Player of the year

2002 Newcomer of the Year by the International Rugby Players Association

2002 NPC Division One Player of the Year

2003 Kelvin Tremain Memorial Trophy for Player of the Year

2004 NPC Division One Player of the Year

2006 Kelvin Tremain Memorial Trophy for Player of the Year and Captain of New Zealand National Rugby Union Team

2006 IRB Player of the Year

2009 IRB Player of the Year

2009 Kelvin Tremain Memorial Trophy for Player of the Year

Provincial record: Canterbury 1999 – present, 34 games (Christchurch Club); Crusaders 2001-present, 96 games

Educated at Otago Boys' High School, 1<sup>st</sup> XV 1997,98. A very talented and tireless player who reads the game well and is generally recognised as the world's best openside flanker. Is the 60th All Blacks Test captain. Named as All Blacks captain for the first time against Wales in 2004 at the age of just 23.

A professional rugby player