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Biography: Ian Hunter - former England rugby union player

Ian Hunter was born on 15 February 1969 in Harrow, London and is a former rugby union footballer who played on the wing or at full back for Northampton Saints and England. He spent his childhood in New Zealand and started playing rugby when his family returned to England. He made his international debut in 1992 against Canada when he was only twenty-three years of age, marking the start of his career with impressive try scoring feats – two on his debut and another one in his second test. Ian was a member of the 1993 Lions Tour to New Zealand and a member of the 1995 World Cup squad to South Africa.

Ian acquired twelve international caps playing for England. He played for Northampton Saints for more than ten years and during this time, made more than 280 appearances.

However, injury cruelly struck Ian on the 1993 Lions Tour and he was the first player sent home with a dislocated shoulder in a tackle in the first game against North Harbour. His shoulder never properly healed enough to stand the demands of top class rugby and his final international appearance was against France in the third place play-off game in the 1995 World Cup. However, he continued to play for Northampton Saints as a professional until 2000 when he was forced to retire.

He is still regarded as one of the best players to have played for Northampton. At present he is managing director of Northampton-based Jellyfish Creative; a marketing and website company that specialises in the legal sector. Ian has been married for ten years to Cathryn and they have one daughter, Olivia.

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