



## Steve Gray

Steve Gray first started playing rugby at Canterbury High School in 1981 in Ottawa, quickly joining the Ottawa Beavers RFC and Eastern Ontario Rugby Union's U19 program.

In 1982 he was selected to represent Ontario in the U19 Canadian National Championship and Canada's U19 Men's Team that defeated Japan. Gray represented the Ontario Senior Men at the National Championship in 1983, and a year later earned his first international senior men's cap against the USA and competed at Hong Kong Sevens. It was also around this time that Gray spent a season in the United Kingdom with Blackheath RFC.

Gray went on to play 47 caps for Canada between 1984 to 1997, including famous Canadian wins against the likes of Scotland, Wales, England, Argentina and France. In 1987, Gray scored three tries in a test match against the United States. He played in three Rugby World Cups (1987, 1991, 1995) and was selected to Canada's Men's Sevens Team on multiple occasions, including the squad for the inaugural Rugby World Cup Sevens in 1993. Gray captained Canada several times throughout his career, including a win over New Zealand's North Island Selects team in 1995.

Following the 1987 Rugby World Cup, Gray helped the Ottawa Irish Rugby Club to the Ontario Senior League Championship title. In 1988, he relocated to the West Coast and became a regular selection to Vancouver Rugby Union and BC sides. In 1996, Gray became the most capped Canadian player at the time in a match against the USA. He was named the winner of the 1996/97 Howie McPhee Award by the Vancouver Rugby Union and was inducted into the Rugby Ontario Hall of Fame in 2017.

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