

## Kruis heads East to Barking

Dorking will have to face their push for promotion without young second row star George Kruis who will play for National League side Barking for the rest of the season. Kruis' move to the East End comes as a result of his progress into the Academy system of Premier League super club Saracens.

Saracens Head of Rugby, and former Wallaby coach Eddie Jones explained the move. "As part of our player development structure we require our emerging talent to play regularly at a minimum two levels below the Premiership. I can see Dorking are having a fabulous season but George will benefit hugely from being tested routinely at a higher level." Kruis himself was excited by the move, if disappointed his Dorking career is for the moment temporarily on hold.

"I have played at Dorking since I was seven so it's going to be a bit of a wrench at first. Barking famously produced Jason Leonard who became England's most capped player and is now the Barking President."

Youth Chairman Paul Mosley commented "With Chris York at Blackheath and Harlequins and now George at Barking & Saracens, it just shows Dorking can provide the players and the spring board into the upper echelons of the game. We wish them both well. Hopefully it will make it easier for us all to get tickets for the game." (What, Barking's? ed.)

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