

# Simon WHITNALL

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*Age:*

25

*England Caps:*

Mid

*Position:*

Manchester  
Chargers

*Touch Series Team:*

Men's Open

*TWC Team:*

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## *Favourite/best Touch moments:*

**Club:** Chargers. The European tournaments are a great experience with this team. e.g. Paris 2013. Beating Scorpions in the NTS is common and always thoroughly enjoyable.

**Country:** England. Representing England Men's 30s at Euros 2012 in Treviso, Winning Home Nations 2013 and Euros 2014 with England Men's Open were all highlights for me. After losing in the final in 2012 it was great to win the Euro's in 2014. Every campaign has been fun and unique. Often the training and the lead up camps are as fun as the tournaments themselves. Representing England in the European Beach Rugby tournament in Biarritz was a real highlight and great time had by all!

## *Related posts:*



Happy team after winning the European Touch Championships 2014.

<https://twitter.com/EnglandTouchMO>

## *Profile:*

I started playing Touch back in New Zealand as a teenager. I have had a long career in Rugby Union and Rugby league. Being a small rugby player and having had a number of concussions and other injuries I gave up all of these sports for a number of years in my 20's before getting the bug back to play. I entered an England trial match in 2011 where I was lucky enough to be selected by coach Ben Smith.

Rather than progressing up the age groups I have managed to progress down from M30's to Men's Open and I feel fitter than I was at the beginning of my England Touch career.

I am excited to experience my first Touch World Cup and first big tournament in the southern hemisphere. It will be a great measuring stick for our side and to captain a team with some great players is a huge honour for me. I would love to play against New Zealand.

*International record*

25 Caps with 19 Touchdowns spanning 3 international tournaments.

