It’s sunk in by now that Saracens are Aviva Premiership Champions, and USA fullback Chris Wyles, as well as Eagle lock Hayden Smith, was a big part of it.

Wyles started at outside center for Saracens in the final, a win over Leicester, much as he has done for much of the late part of the season.

“It was an incredible day for Saracens,” enthused Wyles. “It really felt like this was our season and that proved to be the case. When you consider we lost in last year's final in the last moments of the game it makes this win even sweeter.”

Wyles didn’t see too many opportunities to run with the ball in such a tight game (as most finals seem to be). But he had a lot to do on defense.

“To be honest the moment I remember most was the final whistle blowing,” Wyles told RUGBYMag.com. “The sheer excitement at that moment is something I will never forget. Brad Barritt almost blew out my knee when he jumped on me!”

Wyles has one more year left on his contract, which was the culmination of his decision in 2006 to throw his lot in with the USA, make the USA 7s team (which he did), the 15s team and the 2007 World Cup (which he did) and play a season in the USA before signing with Saracens.

He went from a player with possibilities at Saracens to a regular, starting 27 games at wing, fullback and center.

“I feel extremely proud to be part of a championship team,” Wyles added. “For the past two years at Saracens we have set out on a path to win the premiership and to actually achieve that

is unbelievably satisfying. After all, it's easy to talk about winning trophies in pre-season and in meetings, but I think people sometimes forget how hard of a process it can be.”