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| **League positions 2016-2017** |  |
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| **1st** | **Truro** | **8** | **7** | **0** | **1** | **292** | **145** | **147** | **7** | **35** |
| **10th** | **St Ives** | **8** | **2** | **0** | **6** | **183** | **188** | **-5** | **8** | **16** |

 **St Ives v Truro**

Saturday 5th November 2016

KO 2:30 p.m.

**at**

St Ives Recreation Ground

 Welcome to this afternoon’s Tribute Western Counties West league fixture between St Ives and Truro. We hope you have an enjoyable time with us. Two factors make this a fixture of particular interest. Truro is riding high at the top of the league and they are our closest rivals this season, which makes this a bit of a derby match, although Truro could choose St Austell or Wadebridge.
 Truro is having their best start to a season for a number of years. Last week they pummelled Bude 70:21. Their last away, match a couple of weeks ago, produced an eventual one point victory over Wadebridge Camels. It is still early days, but results so far must stir up thoughts of promotion if current form continues. However, the coaching staff and officials are not getting carried away. They are still to play Cullompton and Exeter University. But the signs are good. What a scalp it would be if the Hakes could produce a shock today!
 St Ives and Truro are due to meet again next Saturday, this time in the Cornwall KO Cup, a chance to visit the Duchy’s city for a 2:00 start.
 Although not involved today, supporters should be encouraged to see Sam Heath appearing in the back row at Burnham last week. What a pity we again came away with just a losing bonus point, the fifth time in eight matches. We head the table for bonus points!
 Jamie Hoskin and Steve Kenward return today. Paul Thirlby’s inclusion allows Jordan Gott to play at full back. Supporters will also notice the name of Sam Carter, back from his latest ‘tour of duty’, playing at scrum half. The match official today is Kevin Williams, to whom we extend a warm welcome.
 *Alan Thomas*

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| **Today’s Tribute Western Counties West League fixtures** |
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| Bude |  |  | Wadebridge Camels |
| Crediton |  |  | Burnham-on-Sea |
| Cullompton |  |  | Tiverton  |
| Devonport Services |  |  | St Austell  |
| Exeter University |  |  | Sidmouth |
| St Ives (SW) |  |  | **Truro** |
| Wellington | 29th Nov | Torquay Athletic |

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| **For a complete fixture list for the season go to**http://www.englandrugby.com/fixtures-and-results |
| **Next league Fixture:**Saturday 19th NovemberWadebridge Camels v St Ives  | **Next home fixture:**Saturday 26th NovemberSt Ives v Bude |
| **Grant Thirlby** with **Tom Nicholas**and**Martyn Lawrance***Courtesy of* *Tobi Carver* |

For all the latest newsregarding rugby competitions go to:<http://www.swrugby.co.uk/home>**Cornwall KO Cup ¼ Final next Saturday 12th November**Truro v St IvesKO 2:00pm (all pay) |

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| **Western Counties West full league table after week eight** (no draws recorded – yet)

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| **#** | **Team** | **PD** | **HW** | **HL** | **AW** | **AL** | **W** | **L** | **F** | **A** | **Diff** | **B** | **Pts** |
| 1 | Truro | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 292 | 145 | 147 | 7 | 35 |
| 2 | Exeter University | 8 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 285 | 109 | 176 | 2 | 30 |
| 3 | Cullompton | 8 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 156 | 93 | 63 | 6 | 30 |
| 4 | Wadebridge Camels | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 172 | 112 | 60 | 4 | 28 |
| 5 | Devonport Services | 8 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 187 | 137 | 50 | 4 | 28 |
| 6 | Tiverton | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 168 | 173 | -5 | 4 | 24 |
| 7 | St Austell | 8 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 162 | 163 | -1 | 7 | 19 |
| 8 | Sidmouth | 8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 210 | 199 | 11 | 2 | 18 |
| 9 | Torquay Athletic | 8 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 163 | 171 | -8 | 6 | 18 |
| **10** | **St Ives (SW)** | **8** | **1** | **3** | **1** | **3** | **2** | **6** | **183** | **188** | **-5** | **8** | **16** |
| 11 | Burnham-on-Sea | 8 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 130 | 183 | -53 | 4 | 12 |
| 12 | Wellington | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 95 | 207 | -112 | 1 | 9 |
| 13 | Bude | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 123 | 333 | -210 | 1 | 9 |
| 14 | Crediton | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 104 | 217 | -113 | 2 | 6 |

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| **Recent History** In recent years Truro has had the better of this fixture. While St Ives has found it difficult to remain in Western Counties West, Truro continues to improve. The last five seasons demonstrate this; they finished 6th, 10th, 5th, 4th and 3rd. The last time we defeated Truro here at The Rec in a league match was (according to the England Rugby website) in February 2006 in South West 2 West. Anyone remember that game? Research into Truro RFC history on the Internet has largely drawn a blank. However, I did discover that there is a Truro Saints RFC, formed in 1975, which play in Nova Scotia, Canada. St Ives can match this with their counterparts in name. There is a St Ives RFC, formed in 1957, which plays a few miles north of Sydney, Australia.  |
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| Ben Taylor (Capt) | 2 | Mark Carlyon |
| Ben Jenkins | 3 | Lewis Bowns |
| Jake Clemson | 4 | Ross Denning |
| Jamie Hoskin | 5 | Jack Heazelton |
| Martyn Lawrance | 6 | Alex Knights |
| Sean Stevens | 7 | Ben Teasdale |
| Archie Mackay | 8 | Jack Tidball |
| Sam Carter | 9 | Rikki Brandham |
| Paul Thirlby | 10 | Jake Champion |
| Peter Mabbott | 11 | Ieuan Boon |
| Steve Kenward | 12 | Alex Stuthridge |
| Tom Nicholas | 13 | Matt Symons |
| Lewis Thomas | 14 | Matt Cross |
| Jordan Gott | 15 | Ashley Hosking (Capt) |
| Replacements |
| Jon Wright | 16 | Ethan Pattison |
| Tom Chandler | 17 | Craig Williams |
| Jamie Prisk | 18 | Josh Symons |
| Referee: Kevin Williams(CRRS) |
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