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| **League positions 2017-2018** | | | | | | | | | |  |
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| **1st** | **St Ives** | **17** | **15** | **0** | **2** | **485** | **291** | **194** | **13** | **73** |
| **4th=** | **Kingsbridge** | **16** | **9** | **2** | **5** | **412** | **270** | **142** | **8** | **48** |

**St Ives v Kingsbridge**

 Saturday 27th January 2018

KO 2:30 p.m.

**at**

St Ives Recreation Ground

Welcome to The Recreation Ground at Alexandra Road for the latest round of fixtures in The Western Counties West League. Today, we extend that welcome to Kingsbridge, our opponents from over The Tamar.  
 St Ives continues to show promotion form with a run of nine wins from nine matches since November 4th. They are unbeaten at home since January 14th last year. Last week they consolidated their first position with a bonus point win over Paignton, while Devonport Services, their main rivals, did not play due to the poor weather.   
 St Ives has a cup semi-final at St Austell on Saturday 10th February. This is the date when other teams in the league hope to catch up the ‘game in hand’, at which point Devonport could close the gap considerably.  
 Kingsbridge travel from The South Hams with two wins, a draw and two loses in their last five. Promoted to the South West 1 West league in 2015-16, they were relegated after just one season. It serves as a reminder of the challenges involved in going up a level. Our Devonian opposition have a full season of fixtures for both an ‘A’XV and a colts side.  
 Today’s referee is Adam Nicholas. We trust that all players, officials and supporters will afford him due respect. Referees are a rare breed these days.  
 Do join us in the club house after the match for good beer and, hopefully, good company.   
 *Alan Thomas*

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| **Today’s Tribute Western Counties West League fixtures** |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Devonport Services |  |  | Crediton | | Falmouth |  |  | Chard | | Paignton |  |  | Tiverton | | Sidmouth |  |  | Torquay Athletic | | St Austell |  |  | Truro | | St Ives (SW) |  |  | **Kingsbridge** | | Wadebridge Camels |  |  | Burnham-on-Sea |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Next league Fixture:**  Saturday 3rd February  Tiverton v St Ives | **Next home fixture:**  Saturday 17th February  St Ives v Torquay Athletic | | **Paignton (H)**  **Ben Jenkins MotM**  **Hakes ready  to defend**  *Courtesy of*  *Tobi Carver* | |   **Thanks to our squad sponsors**   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |

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| St Ives | V | Kingsbridge   |  | | --- | | **St Austell v St Ives** Cornwall Cup Semi Final  Kick Off 2:00p.m.  (This will give sufficient time for any eventualities before the  6 Nations match featuring **England v Wales** KO 4:45pm).  Saturday 10th March: St Ives v Burnham-on-Sea Players’ reunion, sponsors’ day & celebrating **Ben Taylor** (10yrs a Hake)  Three new faces who are making a difference; clockwise from top left:  **Matt Nichol** (2nd row), **Chris Quick** (flanker) and **Leigh Hocking** (prop). | |  | |
| Kye Beasley | 1 | Buster James |
| Ben Taylor (Capt) | 2 | Jake Vincent |
| Leigh Hocking | 3 | Stuart Winzer |
| Jamie Hosking | 4 | Tom Meatyard |
| Jamie Prisk | 5 | James Palmer |
| Harry Parton | 6 | Ali Hamilton |
| Chris Quick | 7 | Jon Merrin |
| Martyn Lawrance | 8 | Jeff Merrin |
| Liam Jolly | 9 | James Trout |
| Paul Thirlby | 10 | Ben Newman |
| Tom Chandler | 11 | Luke Davies |
| Rhys Brownfield | 12 | Ben Glover (Capt) |
| Tom Nicholas | 13 | Freddie Buckle |
| Lewis Thomas | 14 | Jack Evans |
| Grant Thirlby | 15 | Thom Leman |
| Replacements | | |
| Rob Elloway | 16 | Michael Powell |
| Ben Jenkins | 17 | Dan Jarvis |
| Sam Carter | 18 | Will Haddy |
| Referee: Adam Nicholas (CRRS) | | |
| The test of time: It was in October of the 2014-15 season when this fixture was last played. Kingsbridge thrashed St Ives 5:55 and went on to gain promotion to SW 1 West, their highest level since the leagues began. Today only five of each squad remain. Taylor, Jenkins, Prisk, Chandler and Nicholas are the St Ives contingent. | | |