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| **League positions 2017-2018** |  |
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| **1st** | **St Ives** | **14** | **12** | **0** | **2** | **404** | **242** | **162** | **10** | **58** |
| **2nd** | **St Austell** | **14** | **12** | **0** | **2** | **361** | **171** | **190** | **6** | **54** |

 **St Ives v St Austell**

 Saturday 6th January 2018

KO 2:30 p.m.

**at**

St Ives Recreation Ground

 After the relatively long break in proceedings, with no rugby over Christmas and New Year, the Tribute Western Counties West league is back in business. Here at The Rec there could be no better contest: a local derby, two Cornish sides, first verses second. St Ives club officials welcome all spectators and wish you all a happy, healthy and hopeful New Year.
 St Ives were found wanting when these two sides met at Tregorrick Park in September, the home side producing an emphatic display, with Cav Boyer kicking every point available, to fund a score line of 29:3. St Ives never really showed up on that day and is now clearly a different side. Like St Austell, The Hakes have lost only once since then, which is why they share promotion places. The difference of four points is down to bonus points, the home side having taken try bonuses in twice as many games.
 Last year the result went to the home side with a score of 33-19 on 28th January. Such a victory would see St Ives consolidate first place. Equally, a win for St Austell would close the gap completely. The game is afoot!
 Supporters will be delighted to see the return of Tom Nicholas from injury. There is also a return for Lewis Thomas, who was such a regular performer last season with 24 appearances.
 The referee for today’s contest is Al Denham. We trust he is given due respect from players and spectators alike.
 Do drop into the club house after the match for a drink and a chat.
 *Alan Thomas*

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| **Today’s Tribute Western Counties West League fixtures** |
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| Burnham-on-Sea |  |  |  Crediton |
| Kingsbridge  |  |  | Chard  |
| Paignton  |  |  | Sidmouth |
| St Ives (SW) |  |  | **St Austell**  |
| Tiverton |  |  | Wadebridge Camels |
| Torquay Athletic |  |  | Falmouth |
| Truro |  |  | Devonport Services |

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| **Next league Fixture:**Saturday 13th JanuarySidmouth v St Ives  | **Next home fixture:**Saturday 20th JanuarySt Ives v Paignton |
| **Devonport (H)**Lineout duties secure the ball**Rhys Brownfield**Breaks over the gainline*Courtesy of* *Tobi Carver* |

**Thanks to our squad sponsors**

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| In the absence of other club news let’s check up on how our Cornish rivals are faring in the various leagues:

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| **Team** | **League** | **#** | **W** | **D** | **L** |
| Pirates | Green King IPA Championship | 7th | 5 | 0 | 8 |
| Redruth | National League South | 5th | 10 | 0 | 6 |
| Camborne | South West Premier | 8th | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Launceston | South West One West | 4th | 9 | 0 | 5 |
| St Ives | Tribute Western Counties West | 1st | 12 | 0 | 2 |
| St Austell | 2nd | 12 | 0 | 2 |
| Wadebridge | 5th | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| Truro | 7th | 6 | 0 | 8 |
| Falmouth | 13th | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| Saltash | Tribute Cornwall & Devon | 1st | 12 | 0 | 2 |
| Penryn | 3rd | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| Bude | 5th | 9 | 0 | 5 |
| Lanner | 6th | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Pirates Ams | 10th | 5 | 0 | 9 |
| Hayle | 12th | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Liskeard-Looe | Tribute Cornwall League | 1st | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Bodmin | These top 8 teams will form Cornwall League 1 for the remainder of this season | 2nd | 12 | 0 | 2 |
| St Agnes | 3rd | 11 | 0 | 3 |
| Newquay | 4th | 11 | 0 | 3 |
| Veor | 5th | 11 | 0 | 3 |
| Camborne SoM | 6th | 8 | 0 | 5 |
| Roseland | 7th | 8 | 0 | 6 |
| Illogan Park | 8th | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Stithians | These teams will form Cornwall League 2 for the remainder of this season | 9th | 6 | 0 | 8 |
| Lankelly/Fowey | 10th | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| St Just | 11th | 3 | 0 | 10 |
| Helston | 12th | 2 | 0 | 12 |
| Camelford | 13th | 2 | 0 | 12 |
| Perranporth | 14th | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| Redruth Albany | 15th | 1 | 0 | 13 |

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| Kye Beasley | 1 | Hugh Noott |
| Ben Taylor | 2 | Miles Davey ( Capt ) |
| Leigh Hocking | 3 | Mark Martin |
| Tom Chandler | 4 | Mark Vian |
| Jamie Prisk | 5 | Tony Knight |
| Jamie Hoskin | 6 | Hector Bright |
| Chris Quick | 7 | Ian Venner |
| Martyn Lawrance | 8 | George Knowles |
| Liam Jolly | 9 | Andy Ashwin |
| Grant Thirlby | 10 | Chris Ashwin |
| Peter Mabbott | 11 | Cav Boyer |
| Rhys Brownfield | 12 | Liam Freeman |
| Tom Nicholas  | 13 | Shane Johns |
| Lewis Thomas | 14 | Ben Chenoweth |
| Jacob Ninnes | 15 | CJ Boyce |
| Replacements |
| Sam Carter | 16 | Peter Rowe |
| Rob Elloway | 17 | Adam Kellow |
| Ben Jenkins | 18 | Jake Carr |
| Referee: Al Denham (CRRS) |
| The test of time: On the named team sheets there are no less than eleven who did not feature in the match at St Austell earlier in the season, six from St Ives and five from our visitors. Only eight of the St Ives squad for today were present in this fixture last January. |