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| **League positions 2017-2018** | | | | | | | | | |  |
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| **1st** | **St Ives** | **12** | **10** | **0** | **2** | **346** | **208** | **138** | **9** | **49** |
| **2nd** | **Devonport** | **12** | **9** | **1** | **2** | **364** | **202** | **162** | **9** | **47** |

**St Ives v Devonport Services­**

 Saturday 9th December 2017

KO 2:30 p.m.

**at**

St Ives Recreation Ground

The players & officials of the club wish you all the warmest of Christmas greetings and trust you enjoy the season and the rugby. Today, we host our Devon rivals at the half way stage of the campaign. Devonport Services have enjoyed first place since September, until a recent and close fought loss at Sidmouth opened the way for St Ives to jump into the top spot. So here we are, perfectly poised. Everyone should relish the prospect of today’s encounter; first v second.  
 This fixture was last played on 17th December, when the visitors pulled off a victory by 14:19. They occupied the league’s top position, while St Ives was in 6th place at the time. Unable to sustain their impressive record in the latter part of the season, they had to settle for third place. So, the Plymouth based side will be all out for another scalp to day.  
 Devonport Services were promoted from Cornwall & Devon league at the culmination of the 2005-06 season as runners up. They have played their rugby in Western Counties West ever since. St Ives, during the same period, has experienced many more high and lows, from South West One to Cornwall & Devon.  
 Our referee for today’s fixture is Simon Lord. We trust spectators and players will afford him the respect his position deserves.  
 Join us in the clubhouse after the match for fun, music and refreshments. *Alan Thomas*

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| **Today’s Tribute Western Counties West League fixtures** |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Paignton |  |  | Falmouth | | Sidmouth |  |  | Wadebridge Camels | | St Austell |  |  | Kingsbridge | | St Ives (SW) |  |  | **Devonport Services** | | Tiverton |  |  | Crediton | | Torquay Athletic |  |  | Chard | | Truro |  |  | Burnham-on-Sea |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Next league Fixture:**  Saturday 16th December  Wadebridge Camels v St Ives | **Next home fixture:**  Saturday 6th January  St Ives v St Austell | | **Chard (H)**  **Peter Mabbott**  scores his 8th try  **Martyn Lawrance**  on the charge  *Courtesy of*  *Tobi Carver* | |   **Thanks to our squad sponsors**   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |

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| St Ives  Hakes | V | Devonport Services   |  | | --- | | * Grab a tea or coffee and mince pie before the kick-off. Yes, the bar will be open for more festive forms of beverage. * Make for the clubhouse after the match and be sure to show off your Christmas jumper.   This event is sponsored by  **Atkins Ferrie Wealth Management**  *Joff Rowe*  *Director of Rugby*  *St Ives RFC* | |  | |  | |
| Leigh Hocking | 1 | Joe Daley |
| Rob Elloway | 2 | Sam Bennett (Captain) |
| Ben Taylor | 3 | Tyrone Colwill |
| Jamie Hoskin | 4 | Adrian Montague |
| Jamie Prisk | 5 | Andrew Pond |
| Chris Quick | 6 | William Marsh |
| Harry Parton | 7 | Joseph Semple |
| Martyn Lawrance | 8 | Arran Webb |
| Liam Jolly | 9 | Brandon Andrews |
| Paul Thirlby | 10 | Matthew Anstis |
| Peter Mabbott | 11 | Ben Wadham |
| Rhys Brownfield | 12 | Toby Knowles |
| Grant Thirlby | 13 | Max Venables |
| Josh Palmer | 14 | Rob Ede |
| Jacob Ninnes | 15 | Rhys Williams |
| Replacements  **Player profile**  Name: **Ben Taylor**  Role: **Club captain**  Age: **28**  Position: **Prop**  Height: **1.73m (5’8”)**  Weight: **106kgs (16st 10lbs)**  Previous clubs: **Mounts Bay**  Honours: **Cornwall U18 & U20**  Interests: **also enjoys golf & skiing** | | |
| Ben Jenkins | 16 | Paul Creek |
| Kye Beasley | 17 | Richard Bayliss |
| Matt Holland | 18 | Richard West |
| Referee: Simon Lord (CRRS) | | |
| The test of time: On the named team sheets seven of the St Ives’ players were involved in this fixture last year and just five of Devonport’s squad includes players from last December. | | |