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| **League positions 2017-2018** | | | | | | | | | |  |
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| **11th** | **Torquay** | **19** | **7** | **2** | **12** | **321** | **448** | **-127** | **10** | **33** |

**St Ives v Torquay Athletic**

 Saturday 17th February 2018

KO 2:30 p.m.

**at**

St Ives Recreation Ground

We welcome you today for match number twenty in the Western Counties West League, a level 7 competition in England Rugby. Our visitors are Torquay Athletic. They arrive during a brief period of calmer weather in this long, wet winter. We hope for an entertaining contest.  
 All the clichés are sure to be out and about: *‘we’re at the sharp end now’, ‘plenty of twists and turns yet’, ‘we don’t want to get ahead of ourselves’, ‘one game at a time’ , ‘keep level headed’*. But if promotion looms on horizon, the Hakes will look for another bonus point win to remain *‘in the driving seat’*. They will want to continue their impressive unbeaten home record.   
 Torquay have plied their trade in this league since the start of the decade, with a best finish of second in 2011-12. They missed out on promotion in the play-off against Old Centralians from Gloucester. They were champions of this league in 2006-07.   
 Hakes who played at Torquay in October will remember a heavy defeat by 38:13. In this fixture last year Torquay won 24:26. They will hope to get something from today’s match. Their present position could mean they battle it out on the last day of the season against rivals Crediton. We wish them well.  
 Today’s referee is Al Denham, a regular visitor to The Rec. We trust he has an enjoyable afternoon.   
 *Alan Thomas*

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| **Today’s Tribute Western Counties West League fixtures** |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Falmouth |  |  | Devonport Services | | Paignton |  |  | Truro | | Sidmouth |  |  | Burnham-on-Sea | | St Austell |  |  | Chard | | St Ives (SW) |  |  | **Torquay Athletic** | | Tiverton |  |  | Kingsbridge | | Wadebridge Camels |  |  | Crediton |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Next league Fixture:**  Saturday 3rd March  Truro v St Ives | **Next home fixture:**  Saturday 10th March  St Ives v Burnham-on-Sea | | **Torquay (H)**  (last season) **Tom Nicholas**  &  **Liam Jolly**  *Courtesy of*  *Tobi Carver* | |   **Thanks to our squad sponsors**   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |

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| St Ives | V | Torquay Athletic   |  | | --- | | **Saturday 10th March**  is a special event for the club  Put it in your calendar now  Invite friends especially former players  **Sponsors & Advertisers are invited to enjoy a pre-match buffet from**  **1:00p.m.**  Contact Joff Rowe for details or to book a places:  Mob: 07837992663  Email: joffrowe@gmail.com  Followed by The Hakes’ match  **St Ives v Burnham-on-Sea**  **2:30p.m.**  After the match everyone is invited to **enjoy a players’ reunion**  **with a Hog Roast**  All to celebrate.  **Ben Taylor** (10yrs a Hake). | |  | |
| Kye Beasley | 1 | Josh Castleton |
| Rob Elloway (C) | 2 | Carl Turner |
| Leigh Hocking | 3 | Dan King |
| Jamie Hosking | 4 | Jonathan Woodhead (C) |
| Jamie Prisk | 5 | James Norrish |
| Cameron Bone | 6 | Lloyd Penhalagan |
| Chris Quick | 7 | Tom Whitford |
| Martyn Lawrance | 8 | Chris Smith |
| Liam Jolly | 9 | Chris Robson-Close |
| Grant Thirlby | 10 | Alex Jeffery |
| Peter Mabbott | 11 | Isaac Fahey |
| Rhys Brownfield | 12 | Ryan Dunn |
| Tom Nicholas | 13 | Ben Spears |
| Joe Parma | 14 | Jacob Loewy |
| Jacob Ninnes | 15 | Josh Mackin |
| Replacements | | |
| Sean Stevens | 16 | Harry Snell |
| Ben Jenkins | 17 | Nick Wright |
| Sam Carter | 18 | Tony Brierley |
| Referee: Al Denham (CRRS) | | |
| It’s all in a season! So far St Ives has used *just* 32 players. That’s ten less than the last couple of seasons. Today they field eleven of those who travelled to Torquay last October, while Torquay bring only eight of the team that won handsomely in Devon. | | |