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VERSUS MIDLANDS HURRICANES

BETFRED LEAGUE 1 TABLE

Swinton Lions are the early Betfred League 1 pacesetters with a 54-16 win against Cornwall's opponents today Midlands Hurricanes.

The Lions who scored nine tries from Deane Meadows, Louis Brogan, Dan Abram, Jack Spencer, Lewis Charnock, Jordan Case, Mike Butt and two from Jayden Hatton.

Alix Stephenson, Charlie Graham, Lewis Young, Nathan Roebuck and Jake Webster all crossed in a dominant 26-6 victory for **Keighley** over **Doncaster** with Ben

ohnston scoring a late consolation for the visitors Hat-tricks from both Dan Nixon and Gregg McNally saw **Rochdale Hornets** earn their first win of the season, beating **West Wales Raiders** 52-12.

Lewis Sheridan scored a brace for the Hornets alongside a try from Cobi Green, with Fergus Simpson and Alan Pope scoring the only tries for Raiders.

A brace from Wayne Rettie helped **Hunslet** come back to draw 22-22 with **Oldham**. Hunslet were 16-4 down at half-time but battled back to claim a point.

2022 2022 2022			P	W	D	L	PF	PA	DIFF	PTS
	01	 SWINTON	2	2	0	0	136	20	116	4
	02	 KEIGHLEY	2	2	0	0	58	12	46	4
	03	 NORTH WALES	2	2	0	0	98	56	42	4
2022 LEAGUE 1 LEAGUE 1 TABLE	04	 HUNSLET	2	1	1	0	50	32	18	3
2022	05	 ROCHDALE	2	1	0	1	86	48	38	2
2022	06	 DONCASTER	2	1	0	1	54	46	8	2
2022	07	 OLDHAM	2	0	1	1	28	54	-26	1
LEAGUE 1	08	 SKOLARS	1	0	0	1	10	28	-18	0
TABLE	09	 CORNWALL	1	0	0	1	22	62	-40	0
2022	10	 MIDLANDS	2	0	0	2	36	102	-66	0
LEAGUE 1	11	 WEST WALES	2	0	0	2	16	134	-118	0
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To watch games, just download the app on your chosen device and watch the Choughs this year.

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NEIL KELLY

HEAD COACH

**WELCOME TO THE
MEMORIAL GROUND
FOR CORNWALL
RLFC'S FIRST EVER
HOME GAME. WE
HOPE OUR VISITORS
MIDLANDS ENJOY
THEIR AFTERNOON
IN THE DUCHY.**

We have added two players on loan from Wigan Warriors to our squad this week in Toby Brennan and Adam Jones. Both players trained well with us on Friday night and we look forward to seeing what they can do.

We were disappointed to lose Liam Whitton to a two-game suspension. We felt it was a little bit of something and nothing, but we must take it on the chin and get by without him.

The news on Liam is tempered by Josh Tora being fit to take his place in the squad today. We know our right side didn't perform last week so having Josh, an experienced centre, will be a big filip for the team. It also bolsters our choices in the middle of the park with Sam Snell able to cover us at second row.

That is a big positive for us.

Midlands Hurricanes look like a really good side to me who are well coached with some big lads playing for them, with some nice half-back pairings.

They have a decent hooker who is quick if you let him dominate around the play-the-ball.

We have to be playing our best football for 80 minutes to get our best performance from this game and I'm not necessarily talking about a win.

I'm talking about a good performance and building on some of the positives from North Wales. Hopefully we can get rid of some the negatives from that game and who knows what the result may be.

As a professional rugby player myself, I always wanted to play in front of a big crowd. Unfortunately, I never got to play in front of that many big crowds and certainly never in a first game for a club.

With 1500 supporters here in Penryn, it will look like a lot more. Everyone here today will hopefully enjoy the spectacle and the players will enjoy it well.

The players will enjoy it more when they are winning and we hope they win today.

Thank you for your support in our first ever home match in Cornwall.



MIDLANDS HURRICANES

It's not only in Cornwall where a new era of rugby league outside of its heartland areas begins in Betfred League 1 for 2022.

After six years playing in the professional ranks as Coventry Bears, the club have moved to Birmingham, England's second city and have rebranded as Midlands Hurricanes.

Although the club has a new name and new look, the day-to-day running of the Hurricanes is overseen by Alan Robinson, just as it was when they were the Bears and played at Butts Park Arena.

For 2022, the Hurricanes will play at Portway, home of Birmingham & Solihull Bees and they will be coached by Richard Squires.

In 2021, the previous incarnation of the club finished in eighth position, outside of the play-off places and with a new era of rugby beginning in the Midlands, the club will be looking to mount a challenge for the end

of season shake up. If they do end up in the play-offs then the club, Squires and his players can look back on 2022 as a campaign of real progression.

CLUB INFORMATION

Ground: Forshaw Heath Lane, Portway

Coach: Richard Squires

Captain: Liam Welham

Last season: 8th League 1 (as Coventry Bears)

QUICK FACTS

- Last season's eighth place finish in League 1 was the best ever finish for the old Coventry Bears since the turned pro in 2015.
- Coventry reached the fifth round of the Challenge Cup in 2018 before they were beaten by then Super League outfit Widnes Vikings.

HURRICANES: THE SEASON SO FAR

The Hurricanes travelled to **Doncaster's** Eco-Power Stadium in round one and suffered a 48-20 reverse. Although the final margin of victory for the Don's appeared comfortable, the Hurricanes started strongly and after a try and three goals from Ben Hardcastle, the visitors led 10-0.

Doncaster's cause was not helped by Dean Roberts' early yellow card but once back to a full complement, the home side found their straps. A quick-fire brace from Jason Tali along with a try from Jason Robinson saw Doncaster wipe out Midlands' early advantage. The game threatened to boil over as both Hardcastle and Doncaster's Leon Ruan were sent for a 10-minute sabbatical after a scuffle as the interval approached. But Midlands seemed to adapt better to playing with 12-men as Phil Cowburn (pictured) reduced the arrears with a second visiting try before they lost another player to the bin - Tyler Walton for a high tackle.



Although the game was very much in the balance at 18-14 with 40 minutes to play, Richard Horne's men made their extra man count in the early stages of the second stanza.

In the space of 13 minutes after the restart, Doncaster crossed on four separate occasions through Misi Taulapapa, Aaron Ollett-Hobson, Ben Johnston and Jack Sanderson. With Robinson turning all four tries into six-point scores from the tee, Doncaster had opened up a healthy 42-14 advantage.

Midlands didn't raise the white flag, however, and scored next on the hour mark thanks to Sean Croston's finish out wide. Fittingly, though, the final word went to Doncaster as Ruan completed the scoring with an eighth try. Once again Robinson found the mark with the extras to return a fine 100 per cent goal kicking record.

In round two, Midlands were easily beaten 56-14 by **Swinton Lions** at Portway.

Tries from Deane Meadows, Mitch Cox and Dan Abrham with the former also kicking nine goals from as many attempts throughout the afternoon, saw Swinton lead 18-0 after 14 minutes. Midlands battled on despite the early Lions roar and Ben Stead crossed for their first try shortly after. Jack Spencer crossing the whitewash stretched Swinton's lead further although once again, the Hurricanes scored just as it seemed the Lions were about to cut loose - Anthony Boardman with the hosts' second four-pointer at their new home.

The game swung on Jayden Hatton's try in first half injury time as Swinton carried a 30-10 lead into the break.

The first points of the second half were scored by Midlands scrum-half Hardcastle but hopes of a miraculous turnaround evaporated when Lewis Charnock and Jordan Case scored either side of the hour mark.

Mike Butt and Hatton pushed Swinton towards the 50-point mark and eventually over it.

NORTH WALES CRUSADERS 62 CORNWALL RLFC 22



Cornwall began their professional rugby league journey with a 62-22 defeat at the hands of much-fancied North Wales Crusaders in Colwyn Bay on Saturday.

However, the scoreline was harsh on the Choughs who had battled back from 30-0 down to trail 38-22 with 12 minutes left at the Eirias Stadium.

On a crisp spring afternoon, it was Crusaders who drew first blood. Gav Rodden found space out wide and after he cut a good line from 25 metres out, crossed in the corner.

Rob Massam then registered for the hosts before Jordy Gibson seemingly put the game to bed with barely 10 minutes gone.

But despite being in such a position of superiority, North Wales then suffered the first of two bouts of ill-discipline when Callum Wood was sent to the sin-bin for an attempted cannonball tackle on Liam Whitton.

Although playing with a numerical disadvantage, Rodden added a fourth Crusaders try and Massam turning provider for Tommy Johnson saw the hosts 30-0 up and threatening to run riot.

On the half hour mark, Whitton was again involved in another Crusaders yellow card. Words were exchanged between the Cornwall full-back and Hazzard with the latter pressing the self-destruct button as he slapped Whitton across the face. With a man advantage, again, Cornwall started to show further signs of promise with ball in hand and after the visitors' forward pack continued to make good ground, Matty Turton made history with the club's first ever try.

Joe Purcell almost jinked his way to the line on the fourth play and then, after bravely running the ball on the last, Kyle Johns' outrageous basketball style pass was gathered by Turton who finished well.





Johns then kicked a wonderful touchline conversion and Cornwall were up and running.

Joy from the league newcomers was short lived though as Harry Swarbrick scored another North Wales try before the interval hooter.

After the break, Harry Aaronson was the first Chough to score when he intercepted Jack Houghton's wayward pass to race 70 metres to finish in trademark swan dive fashion. Then Cornwall scored arguably the try of the game as prop Paul Bolger's delightful delayed inside pass opened up a game for Liam Whitton to race into.

Sadly for the Choughs, Whitton was injured in the act of scoring and was forced off. But losing Whitton didn't have a detrimental effect on Cornwall's attacking prowess and they really set North Wales nerves jangling with another try.

Executing another power play, Cornwall scored as a quick play-the-ball from replacement hooker Sam Gilder found Sam Snell who crashed through.

At just two converted scores behind, it was very much game on although home flyer Patrick Ah Van put his side back in the box seat shortly after Cornwall's points blitz with his side's seventh try.

The game then became a real War of Attrition with neither side taking a backward step. Both Cornwall skipper Jamie Prisk and Josh Hartshorne were then in the wars and subsequently patched up by overworked club physio Sam Wicketts while Snell was forced off after he suffered a nose injury.

With 15 minutes of an enthralling clash left to play, Massam secured the points for North Wales. Then with the away side tiring, Anthony Murray's men really turned the screw and scored four further tries. Reece Briers, son of current Wigan assistant coach Lee, who was present amongst the healthy crowd, bagged a quick-fire brace as scrum-half Brad Billsborough and replacement Jack Holmes completed the scoring.

TODAY'S SQUADS



Betfred League 1 Round Three
Sunday, April 10, 2022
Memorial Ground 1.00pm

CORNWALL RLFC

Head coach: Neil Kelly

- 1 LIAM WHITTON
- 2 HARRY AARONSON
- 3 JOSH TORA
- 4 KYLE JOHNS
- 5 HENRY SYMONS
- 7 JOE PURCELL
- 8 ANTHONY MULLALLY
- 9 JAKE LLOYD
- 10 JACK RAY
- 11 JOSH HARTSHORNE
- 12 AARON THOMSON
- 13 LUKE COLLINS
- 14 SAM GILDER
- 15 PAUL BOLGER
- 16 SAM SNELL
- 18 DECARLO TRERISE
- 19 MATTY TURTON
- 21 ANDY KAY
- 22 JAMES COLLINGS
- 23 JAMIE PRISK (C)
- 26 ADAM JONES
- 27 TOBY BRANNAN

MIDLANDS HURRICANES

Head coach: Richard Squires

- PHIL COWBURN
- JACK DAWSON
- HAYDEN FREEMAN
- JORDAN BULL
- MATTY WELHAM
- BRAD CLAVERING
- LIAM WELHAM (C)
- DELAINE BEDWARD-GITTENS
- SEAN CROSTON
- BEN STEAD
- TRAVIS O'LOUGHLIN
- BRAD SHERIDAN
- NATHAN NEWBOUND
- DAVID FOGGIN-JOHNSTON
- ELLIOTT WINDLEY
- ANTHONY BOWMAN
- MARCUS GREEN
- TOM BLAKEY
- PETER RYAN
- DAVID SCOTT

Referee: JAMES JONES Touch Judges: KRISTOFF YOUNG and PETER ROE Fourth Official: WILL GILDER

BETFRED LEAGUE 1 FIXTURES

London Skolars tackled **North Wales Crusaders** yesterday to start round three in Betfred League 1. Skolars were edged out 28-10 by Hunslet at home in round one ahead of a bye last weekend. In opposition, North Wales have won their first two games of the season. Can they make it three from three?

Today, **Doncaster** and **Swinton** go head-to-head in a heavyweight League One clash which will put Swinton's unbeaten record in 2022 to the test.

Oldham are looking for their first win of the 2022 season and will hope to get it as they host winless **West Wales Raiders**.

Finally, **Rochdale Hornets** will be looking to make it two wins from their first three games as they host **Hunslet**.

The Hornets were edged out by just two points at home to North Wales in round one, followed by their win at West Wales last time - can they make it two wins in a row?

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LEAGUE ONE

ROUND 3

2022
FIXTURES

SKOLARS	SAT	NORTH WALES
CORNWALL	SUN	MIDLANDS
DDNCASTER	SUN	SWINTON
OLDHAM	SUN	WEST WALES
ROCHDALE	SUN	HUNSLET

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