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# BETFRED LEAGUE 1 TABLE

**North Wales Crusaders** are still top of the Betfred League 1 table after they thrashed **Doncaster** 46-0 at the Eco-Power Stadium.

Anthony Murray's side were 28-0 ahead after 40 minutes and continued their dominance in the second stanza to whitewash the Don's.

**Keighley Cougars** are hot on North Wales' heels after they eased past Cornwall's opponents today **West Wales Raiders**. The Cougars prevailed 46-4 with Callum Mulkeen grabbing the Raiders' only try.

**Rochdale Hornets** are third and two points behind North Wales in third with the Spotland outfit delivering a brilliant final quarter to see off plucky **Midlands Hurricanes** 44-24.

**Swinton Lions** arrested a run of two consecutive defeats to triumph 58-14 as **London Skolars** were the visitors to Heywood Road.

And finally, **Cornwall RLFC** were on the road and visited the South Leeds Stadium to play **Hunslet** with the Parksiders winning 52-16.

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|  | 02 |   | <b>KEIGHLEY</b>    | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0  | 250 | 32   | 218  | <b>12</b> |
|  | 03 |  | <b>ROCHDALE</b>    | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1  | 314 | 132  | 182  | <b>12</b> |
|  | 04 |  | <b>SWINTON</b>     | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2  | 264 | 99   | 165  | <b>8</b>  |
|  | 05 |  | <b>DONCASTER</b>   | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3  | 192 | 184  | 8    | <b>8</b>  |
|  | 06 |  | <b>HUNSLET</b>     | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2  | 160 | 128  | 32   | <b>7</b>  |
|  | 07 |  | <b>OLDHAM</b>      | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3  | 206 | 130  | 76   | <b>5</b>  |
|  | 08 |  | <b>MIDLANDS</b>    | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5  | 204 | 232  | -28  | <b>4</b>  |
|  | 09 |  | <b>CORNWALL</b>    | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6  | 90  | 324  | -234 | <b>0</b>  |
|  | 10 |  | <b>SKOLARS</b>     | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6  | 80  | 342  | -262 | <b>0</b>  |
|  | 11 |  | <b>WEST WALES</b>  | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6  | 28  | 412  | -384 | <b>0</b>  |



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# NEIL KELLY

HEAD COACH

**WELCOME TO THE MEMORIAL GROUND FOR TODAY'S LEAGUE 1 MATCH.**

**WE HOPE OUR VISITORS WEST WALES RAIDERS ENJOY THEIR AFTERNOON.**

Being in and around our group this week the players have been very respectful of the opposition we are going to be meeting.

West Wales Raiders are two or three years ahead of us in this division and they have some good players.

With that in mind, if we make the same errors we did against Hunslet then West Wales will score tries because they are a dangerous side. However, we feel that if we get things right and better than in previous weeks, then there is the potential for our first win.

West Wales are not daft and they will be watching the videos this week seeing that we have quality in our side. We also have one or two ingredients missing like any side would given our journey so far, but it's up to us to add those ingredients on a weekly basis.

If all those ingredients are in the mixing bowl and they are right then we will be really competitive. We must get everything right for 80 minutes and if we do that against West Wales, which I would very much look forward to, then it could lead to a positive result.

It would be reward for our supporters who are realistic and educated.

They have been really supportive and understand we are a development side.

"I think some of our results this season have been really encouraging and exactly what I wanted. In some areas, our performances have exceeded expectations, in others they haven't.

I'm not coaching this side to apologise for results over the last four or five weeks as I think we have played good sides and acquitted ourselves really well.

On some occasions the result hasn't reflected the game but the result is still the result and our supporters are sticking by us which is hugely encouraging.

Hopefully, we get everything 100 per cent right this weekend and the fans can be rewarded.

Thank you for your support again today as the players and I really appreciate the backing we receive.



# WEST WALES RAIDERS

Getting to the start of the 2022 Betfred League 1 campaign must feel like an achievement in itself for West Wales Raiders after a difficult close season for the Llanelli outfit.

Coaching appointments and then departures before and after a heavy Betfred Challenge Cup loss to Swinton Lions left the club in a state of flux.

However, a passionate and strongly worded rallying call from Raiders chief Peter Tiffin resulted in a degree of stability and the appointment of club stalwart Ashley Bateman as head coach just weeks before the campaign began.

The former Welsh international has a tough task on his hands however and after the experimental signings of former rugby union star Gavin Henson and Rangji Chase didn't have the desired effect last year, Bateman will once again have to rely on locally based talent.

And after failing to win any of their 18 regular season games in 2021, real progress for the Raiders would be to see that unwanted record bettered 12 months later.

## CLUB INFORMATION

Ground: Stebonheath Park (3,700)

Coach: Ashley Bateman

Captain: Joe Burke

Last season: 10th League 1

## QUICK FACTS

- The club were initially formed as the South Wales Scorpions in 2010.
- The club's first ever professional season was without doubt their most successful as they finished sixth in League 1 and qualified for the play-offs before losing to Rochdale Hornets.

# MEDIA WATCH: WEST WALES RAIDERS

Welsh rugby league communications manager Ian Golden gives us the lowdown on the Raiders...

*Just how tough has it been for West Wales Raiders so far in 2022?*

It's been very tough, but I think the club have made the right call in appointing Ash Bateman as head coach. He's a local lad who's been involved in rugby league since a junior and he knows the Wales Rugby League (WRL) systems inside out and has the respect of local players. Miracles weren't built in a day though, our even a year, so let's hope that he's given time to build a side. This will also soon include players coming through the WRL junior systems, which are exemplary with already over a thousand players registered and ready to go in South Wales this summer.



*Despite the results, would it be fair to say last week's game against Keighley saw a marked improvement?*

Anything below 50 is good this season! Sadly, Raiders started their build-up too late on, they know that and admitted that following the Challenge Cup defeat. I wasn't at the Keighley game as I was with the Wales Wheelchair side, but I understand that Keighley came to brawl it out, they gave away nine penalties and Raiders kept their cool, giving away just one. They held out well against a good side.

*Who is West Wales' player to watch?*

Joe Burke (left) is definitely one to watch. He's a Wales international, the captain, and leads from the front. He's skippered a few sides over the years and I've seen personally how well he influences a team.

*What do you make of Cornwall's start to life in the professional ranks?*

I knew it would be tough for you guys. You've a lot of inexperience and no-one is expecting miracles right now. Games like this, and against London are your cup finals.

All three sides know this. If you can grab one win, it'll be a success, just hopefully not today! The important thing is you don't give up, don't relocate, build a strong junior base underneath you and communicate with the Rebels and other local clubs. Get everyone working together and you'll do well.

*And finally, what is your score prediction for today?*

I politely decline to answer that one as expected! All I'll say is that it'll be the closest match of the season for both and I look forward to tuning in.

*You can follow Ian on Twitter: @Ian\_Golden*

# HUNSLET 52 CORNWALL RLFC 16



Cornwall failed to build on a positive opening 40 minutes as Hunslet scored five times in the second half to overcome Neil Kelly's spirited Choughs. With Cornwall very much in the game at the turnaround thanks to tries from Liam Whitton and Harry Aaronson - both converted by Joe Purcell - as Hunslet led 22-12, the Parksiders upped the ante once the second stanza began with their charge led by winger Wayne Rettie and full-back Jimmy Walker. Cornwall came into the match on the back of a 50-0 home reverse at the hands of Rochdale Hornets in round six while Hunslet edged out Midlands Hurricanes 22-16 at Portway. Still searching for their first win of 2022, Cornwall handed a first start to new signing Will Odgers but this news was tempered by Sam Snell breaking down in the warm-up. He was replaced in the starting 13 by Josh Hartshorne with James Collings stepping onto the interchange bench.

After an even start to the game, Cornwall fell behind just six minutes in and this started a recurring theme during the opening stanza of Hunslet scoring in fortunate circumstances.

Chancing their arm on the last tackle, a deft grubber hit the base of the post and fell nicely for Watson to touch down.

Joe Sanderson converted and Hunslet were up and running.

Fielding the Cornish restart, Hunslet looked set to score again before a last ditch Liam Whitton tackle somehow denied the hosts.

From the next play, Andy Kay was sent to the sin-bin for a professional foul and the Choughs were forced to play a man light for the next 10 minutes.

With a numerical advantage, Hunslet hammered away at the Cornwall line but the visitors stood firm and won a penalty with the Parksiders not retreating back the desired 10 metres.



Joe Purcell found touch inside the Hunslet half and with the visiting forwards carrying strongly, Cornwall made their way to the line before Louis Collinson was eventually held up and couldn't quite ground the ball. The next chance of the game also fell the way of Cornwall as Joe Gibbons and Mackenzie Turner created a good overlap to expose Hunslet's right edge but the final pass went to ground.

To compound Cornish woes, Hunslet went straight back up the other end and once more a last play saw the ball loose. It was eventually picked up by prop Harvey Hallas who somehow managed to twist his way over the line.

But back to a full complement, the Choughs came storming back into the reckoning when Oli Field dabbled in behind and Whitton did the rest for his third try of the season. Purcell added the extra two points on offer and Cornwall had halved the arrears. Hunslet came back at Cornwall hard after the visitors had opened their account and registered a third try after 24 minutes.

It was another score that came on the back of a fifth tackle kick as Hunslet picked up the scraps and Jordan Paga did the rest.

But once more Cornwall failed to roll over as the Choughs' short kicking game on the last tackle came to the fore. It was Purcell this time with the deft touch into the Hunslet in-goal area and Aaronson was the grateful recipient who finished brilliantly. The extras were added by Purcell to leave the match delicately balanced at 18-12.

Sadly for the Choughs, though, they then shipped consecutive penalties which gave Hunslet field position near the visiting line. The second of which saw Sanderson kick deep into Cornwall territory. A powerful carry from Rettie on the first tackle after the restart then resulted in a fourth home score. Sanderson failed to add a further two points but Hunslet had struck a huge psychological blow by scoring so near to the half-time hooter.

And that home momentum came to the fore within the first 10 minutes of the second stanza as Hunslet all but wrapped up the win.

Kieran Moran seized on the scraps to score before Rettie grabbed his second of the afternoon out wide. Cornwall did well to regroup at this point as Hunslet really had the bit between their collective teeth and the men in black and gold were then on the wrong end of a 50/50 call from the referee. Field's spiralling bomb saw Odgers challenge Watson and when the ball came loose, Turner scooped it up to touchdown. However, merry whistle blower Michale Rossleigh ruled that Watson had been challenged unfairly in the air and the try was chalked off.

On the hour mark, Cornwall did get a third score when a quick play-the-ball from Jake Lloyd was met by Jamie Prisk and the Choughs' skipper did the rest. Purcell was unable to add the extras.

It gave Cornwall a glimmer of hope that a strong final 20 minutes could make Hunslet sweat but Alan Kilshaw's side had other ideas. Firstly a break straight down the middle resulted in a second Paga try before Cornwall spilt a high ball and from the resulting scrum, Jacob Doyle crossed the whitewash.

The hosts then raised themselves over the 50-point mark nine minutes from time thanks to Watson's second of the afternoon and Sanderson kicked his eighth goal from nine attempts.

Hunslet: Watson, Rettie, Doyle, Mossop, Render, Paga, Sanderson, Hallas, Whiteley, Staraugheir, Jordan-Roberts, Oakley, Syme. Interchange (all used): Burton, Okoro Aroh, Moran, Moore.

Tries: Watson (2), Paga (2), Rettie (2), Hallas, Moran, Doyle. Goals: Sanderson 8/9

Cornwall: Whitton, Aaronson, Kay, Gibbons, Turner, Field, Purcell, Mullally, Lloyd, Hird, Snell, Odgers, Collinson. Interchange (all used): Trerise, Bolger, Hartshorne, Prisk.

Tries: Whitton, Aaronson, Prisk. Goals: Purcell: 2/3

Referee: Matthew Rossleigh; Touch-judges: Andy Sweet and Thomas Gibbs; Reserve referee: Douglas Martin

Attendance: 565

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Anthony Mullally 



Jake Lloyd Louis Turner



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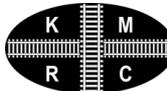
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## TODAY'S CORNWALL MASCOT

Name: Toby Davies

Age: 6

From: Mevagissey

Favourite Players: Harry Aaronson & Liam Whitton

Why I Love Rugby League: It is a fast game and when the ball goes out it starts again quickly.

I want to play for Cornwall when I'm older.

# TODAY'S SQUADS



Betfred League 1 Round Eight  
Sunday, May 15 2022  
Memorial Ground 3.00pm

## 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
- 17 LOUIS COLLINSON
- 18 DECARLO TRERISE
- 19 MATTY TURTON
- 20 WILL ODGERS
- 21 ANDY KAY
- 22 JAMES COLLINGS
- 23 JAMIE PRISK (C)
- 25 CHRIS CHARD

## WEST WALES RAIDERS

Head coach: Ashley Bateman

- LLOYD ALLEN
- EWAN BADHAM
- HARRY BOOTS
- LUKE BROSTER
- JOE BURKE (C)
- AEDAN COLEMAN
- OLI FIRTH
- SAM HERRON
- MIKE HOLDEN
- BEN JACKSON
- BEN JONES
- CRAIG LEWIS
- SHANE LEE
- CALLUM MERRETT
- CALLUM MULKEEN
- GEORGE ORRISS
- DAFYDD PHILLIPS
- ALAN POPE
- SAM PRIDGEON
- LOUIS O'SULLIVAN
- RICHIE WHILLOCK

Referee: KEVIN MOORE Touch Judges: PHIL JOHNSON and PETER ROE Reserve Referee: GUY PALLETT

# BETFRED LEAGUE 1 FIXTURES

There is a huge game at the top of the table today in Betfred League 1 as Keighley Cougars host Rochdale Hornets.

In-form Keighley are out to protect a perfect record of six wins from six so far this year and will hand a home debut to new signing Dane Chisholm (pictured right). The halfback arrived from Featherstone earlier this month and helped his new side to a win at West Wales last time and he will be hoping to spearhead a charge to promotion.

This week, Rochdale have added Jy Hitchcox and Rob Worrincy (pictured below) to an impressive squad which includes both Fuiffui Moimoi and Rangi Chase. Rochdale lost their first game of the season against North Wales but since then have won six games in a row - will they continue that run this week?

Hunslet are at home to Swinton Lions in a battle off two sides with firm play-off ambitions in 2022.



Two of the sport's most historic clubs, Swinton are aiming to bounce back from relegation last season and have managed four wins from six games so far this year as they search for an immediate return to the Championship.

Hunslet, meanwhile, have collected seven points from six games so far and know a win would propel them above their opponents this weekend with success at the South Leeds Stadium?

The Parksiders were impressive in defeating Cornwall 52-16 last time out with Jimmy Walker impressing. Yesterday, North Wales Crusaders faced the challenge of Oldham at home.

Crusaders have won seven from seven so far this year and have their sights on promotion back to the second tier.

Oldham in opposition were relegated last year and have suffered something of an indifferent start to their season. They are seventh as it stands after two wins from six, can they kickstart their 2022 this weekend?

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