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BETFRED LEAGUE 1 REVIEW

Keighley Cougars top the Betfred League One leaders after they recorded a hard-fought 29-18 win at home to **Midlands Hurricanes** in round nine.

Keighley opened the scoring after just six minutes through Charlie Graham. Jack Miller converted and added a penalty goal before Nathan Roebuck scored just after the half hour mark, Miller with the goal again.

But Jack Dawson struck back for the Midlands just before the break, goaled by Ben Stead for a 14-6 half time score.

Roebuck got his second on 52 minutes and but the Hurricanes stirred in the final quarter, going level at just 19-18 down thanks to tries from Brad Clavering and Matt Welham, both converted by Benn Hardcastle, either side of a Dane Chisholm drop goal for Keighley. After Hardcastle scuffed a late drop goal attempt which would have brought the visitors level, Mo Agoro proved to be the hero with two late tries, Miller adding one more goal to round off the scoring.

Jy Hitchcox scored a hat-trick of tries as **Rochdale Hornets** got their League One promotion bid back on track with a thrilling 46-28 win over **Doncaster**.

Hitchcox, a former 2017 Super League grand finalist who was signed on a short-term loan from Leigh Centurions earlier this month, touched down twice in the first half as Hornets fashioned a slender 20-16 advantage at the interval.

The hosts saw their lead evaporate early in the second period after Aaron York and Kobe Poching crossed for Doncaster to put them eight points in front.

But Rochdale, whose seven-game winning run had been ended at Keighley last week, responded well with Hitchcox completing his hat-trick as they raced away to finish comfortable winners.

Swinton Lions scored 10 tries to defeat spirited **Cornwall RLFC** 54-16 at Heywood Road, despite a vastly improved showing from the Choughs.

Neil Kelly's side crossed the whitewash three times with on-loan Hull Kingston Rovers half-back Adam Rusling dotting down twice. Joe Purcell, playing out of position on the wing was Cornwall's other try scorer. The Lions led 24-10 at half time but a tries from Richard Lepori (2), Lewis Hatton, Billy Brickhill, Jayden Hatton, George Roby, Max Roberts (pictured below), Mitch Cox, Mike Butt and Jack Hansen saw them clear.

West Wales Raiders failed to build on their rare win over the Choughs in round eight as they crashed 50-12 at home to **Hunslet**.

The Raiders' points came courtesy of two-try Callum Merrett and a goal each for Aedan Coleman and Jamie Murphy.

The round was completed last Friday, May 27 with Cornwall's opponents today **London Skolars** hosting **Oldham Roughyeds** at the New River Stadium.

The game, dubbed 'Friday Night Lights' by the Skolars acted as an unofficial curtain raiser to the Betfred Challenge Cup.

And it was the Skolars who upset the odds with a stunning and thoroughly deserved 38-16 over the Roughyeds who continue to struggle under Stuart Littler.





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NEIL KELLY

HEAD COACH

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

**WE HOPE OUR
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SKOLARS ENJOY
THEIR AFTERNOON
IN CORNWALL.**

The result for London Skolars against Oldham certainly won't change my approach to the game today.

We are treating them with the respect they deserve and looking back to West Wales, I don't think we treated the game with enough respect.

No rugby league match should be won without doing the basics of the game right and a 50 per cent completion rate tells its own story. That's not good enough and if we turn that rate around against London Skolars, it will be a similar result to that which we experienced in the last home game.

However, there seems to be a real determination within the group which is good to see and for London, their result against Oldham gives them a real confidence boost. But we are at home, I think we should always win at home and if we do those basics right, then we have a chance in this game.

During the break we have been able to sign two players which will strengthen our squad for the remainder of the campaign.

Adam Rusling will remain on loan to Cornwall from Hull Kingston Rovers while Aaron Jones-Bishop joins us permanently after his release from Hunslet.

Everybody I have spoken to within the game has said what a good player Adam Rusling is.

I knew that already from watching his tapes and despite getting off to a bad start against West Wales, he more than rectified that at Swinton with his two tries.

He also demonstrated to me some really good approach play and I am looking for Adam to go from strength to strength in the second half of the season. I am very happy to have him onboard and our other signing Aaron Jones-Bishop is a recognised international.

He has been in and around some really good clubs and I see him as a real acquisition for us.

And it is a really good prospect for Cornwall to have a player that could possibly play in the World Cup in our ranks.



LONDON SKOLARS

Head coach Joe Mbu will be out to prove the old adage wrong that in sport, you should never go back.

After previously holding the London Skolars' reins between 2010 and 2015, Mbu returns to the New River Stadium for a second spell. He replaces previous incumbent Jermaine Coleman who left the Skolars after the 2021 season ended to take up a similar role with the capital's other professional rugby league side the London Broncos but left last week.

Skolars supporters will be hoping that Mbu can replicate previous success he enjoyed in N22 with a club record fourth place achieved in 2013 under the tutelage of the Zaire born former London Broncos Super League star.

Mbu has lost members of the Skolar's squad from last year across the Channel with Matt Ross joining Super League newcomers Toulouse while Max Clark and Shay North move to Montpellier.

CLUB INFORMATION

Ground: New River Stadium (5,000)

Coach: Joe Mbu

Captain: Aaron Small

Last season: 9th League 1

QUICK FACTS

- The club were formed in 1995 and for their first two years of existence as an amateur side, were known as Student Rugby League Old Boys.
- In three consecutive seasons during the early Millennium years, the Skolars played Super League opposition in the Challenge Cup - 2006 Warrington Wolves (L 0-52), 2007 Wakefield Trinity Wildcats (L 4-52) and 2008 St Helens (L 0-56).

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SWINTON LIONS 54 CORNWALL RLFC 16



Cornwall fell to defeat in Manchester as Swinton Lions kept their promotion push on track with a hard-fought victory.

The scoreline was tough on Cornwall who, for long periods of a typically physical encounter, more than matched Allan Coleman's troops

Indeed the Choughs were almost unrecognisable from the side which lost to West Wales Raiders in round eight at a rain-lashed Memorial Ground last Sunday. Handing full debuts to recent recruit Nathan Conroy and hooker Luke Collins, Cornwall chief Neil Kelly demanded a reaction from his side and that's exactly what he got at Heywood Road, home of third tier rugby union side Sale FC.

Pre-game, Kelly was forced to reshuffle his matchday 17 when Henry Symons tweaked a hamstring in Friday's team run. The winger was replaced by Joe Purcell with the former Wigan youngster taking his place out wide.

Swinton, who eased past Hunslet last time out, opened the scoring after eight minutes. Chancing their collective arms on the last tackle, the ball was shipped wide at pace and Italian winger Richard Lepori did the rest. Dan Abram kicked the extras and the Lions were up and running.

But Cornwall reacted well to falling behind as former Bradford and Keighley man Conroy was held up over the whitewash. The Choughs then had three consecutive sets on Swinton's line but could not force a way through a stubborn Lions rearguard.

Swinton's defensive endeavours inspired the hosts with ball in hand and they scored a second try with Lepori repeating his earlier dose but Abram missed the conversion.

Straight from the restart, Cornwall were then dealt a blow as Andy Kay was sent to the sin-bin for a high tackle. Playing a man light. Cornwall conceded again with prop Lewis Hatton crashing over.



Staring down the barrel, Cornwall regrouped and managed to open their own account, albeit in rather fortunate circumstances.

Scrum-half Jack Hansen's pass was intercepted by his opposite number Adam Rusling and he turned on the after-burners to race fully 70 metres to dot down. Kyle Johns failed to convert and Swinton led 16-4. Two further scores, both unconverted from Billy Brickhill and Jayden Hatton restored Swinton's superiority on the scoreboard just after the 30-minute mark.

However, Cornwall finished the opening period strongly and scored a second try which their first half showing absolutely deserved. With the half-time siren sounding, the outstanding Liam Whitton ran across the Swinton defence and he found Purcell who cut inside brilliantly to touch down under the sticks. Johns' radar was back on point and Cornwall went into the sheds 24-10 down.

After half time, the feeling amongst both sets of supporters was that whichever way the next score went would ultimately decide the destination of two competition points.

And sadly for Cornwall, within 90 seconds of the restart, Swinton scored that all-important try. The ball went loose in midfield and with the Lions reacting quickest, they broke free and substitute George Roby claimed four-points.

Abram converted and any hope Cornwall had was extinguished after 55 minutes with the Choughs instrumental in their own downfall. Johns missed touch with a penalty and Swinton ran in out wide for Max Roberts to coast home.

Cornwall dug deep and didn't fold though with the outstanding Rusling scoring his second and Cornwall's third try of the afternoon just after the hour mark.

The Hull Kingston Rovers loanee's neat grubber forced a mistake from Swinton full-back Mike Butt with Rusling gobbling up the opportunity to score.

Twelve minutes from time, Swinton added their third try of the second stanza to secure victory and finally break Cornwall's brave resistance. Mitch Cox was the man in blue to score when he was halted just short of

the Cornwall line but managed to reach an arm out to score.

The game then descended into something of a scrappy affair as its conclusion approached with tempers boiling over on more than one occasion. With seven minutes to go, Cornwall forced a Swinton handling error but merry whistle blower Michael Mannifield reversed the decision after ruling that Cornwall were the aggressors in a episode of handbags.

The Lions drove forward and a tiring visiting defence was breached by Butts' dancing feet before Hansen did similar in the dying embers.

Abram converting both late scores hoisted Swinton over the 50-point mark but given the disappointment of losing to West Wales seven days earlier, there was much to be positive about from a Cornwall perspective with Kelly's side now not back in action until June 4 when they host London Skolars.

Swinton: Butt, J Hatton, Roberts, Lloyd, Lepori, Abram, Hansen, Spencer, Wilkinson, L Hatton, Brickhill, Cox, Gregson. Interchange (all used): Roby, Brown, Kenga, Charnock.

Tries: Lepori (2), L Hatton, Brickhill, J Hatton, Roby, Roberts, Cox, Butts, Hansen. Goals: Abram 6/10

Cornwall: Whitton, Purcell, Aaronson, Johns, Adams, Conroy, Rusling, Walker, Collins, Kay, Odgers, Tora, Collinson. Interchange (all used): Gilder, Collings, Hartshorne, Prisk.

Tries: Rusling (2), Purcell. Goals: Johns 2/3.
Sin-bin: Kay (high tackle)

Referee: Michael Mannifield; Touch Judges: Craig Swanson and Gareth Evans; Reserve Referee: James Collier.

Attendance 678

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Betfred League 1 Round Ten
Saturday, June 4 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
- 6 NATHAN CONROY
- 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)
- 24 ADAM RUSLING
- 25 CHRISTOPHER CHARD

LONDON SKOLARS

Head coach: Joe Mbu

- LEIGHTON BALL
JARRED BASSETT
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REECE RANCE
AARON SMALL (C)
ADAM VRAHNOS
JEROME YATES

Referee: JAMES JONES Touch Judges: GUY PALLETT and GRAHAM SHAW Reserve Referee: JAMES FLOOD

BETFRED LEAGUE 1 FIXTURES

The two 100 per cent records in Betfred League 1 are on the line this afternoon as **North Wales Crusaders** host **Keighley Cougars**.

The home side's only defeat this season came to second-tier outfit Sheffield Eagles in the Challenge Cup, and Anthony Murray's men will see this weekend as an opportunity to make a statement against a strong Keighley side who took top spot off them last time out. Keighley's 29-18 win against Midlands Hurricanes last time out saw them leapfrog to first - the Cougars boast the best defence in the division by a distance, so it will be an interesting watch when they square off against one of the most potent attacks in the division.

The West Yorkshire side have been on a tear this year and will be looking to cement their place at the top of the league - seeing off their closest opposition this weekend will go a long way in their bid for promotion. Sunday's Betfred League One action kicks off with **Oldham** hosting **Swinton Lions**, with a defeat to strugglers London Skolars still fresh on the mind for the Roughyeds. They were never really in the game, and a disappointing performance saw them lose 38-16 to make it three losses on the bounce.

Swinton saw off Cornwall 54-16 and they remain in the play-off spots. A win this weekend could put them level on points with third-placed Rochdale.

Midlands Hurricanes welcome **West Wales Raiders** to Portway.

The hosts will be looking to put an end to a four-game losing streak and potentially climb to seventh - they showed great promise at times last time out against an outstanding Keighley side, and managed to score more points against them than any other side has this season in the league, albeit falling to a 29-18 defeat.

West Wales moved off the bottom a few weeks ago following their first win of the season, but were unable to make it two in a row last time out against Hunslet. A win would move the Raiders level on points with opponents Midlands Hurricanes.



The final Round 10 fixture sees **Hunslet** travel to **Doncaster** in an intriguing battle between two play-off hopefuls. It's sixth against fifth and only one point separates the two sides - Doncaster came up short against Rochdale last time out, losing 46-28. A win this weekend would see them leapfrog their opponents into fifth however, despite some inconsistency from the Dons.

Hunslet will no doubt have something to say about that, though, and look to close the gap on fourth - the South Leeds outfit have won three out of their last four games now and will have their eyes set on a play-off spot come the end of the season, can they hold off their closest competitors?

LEAGUE 1 RESULTS & FIXTURES

DATE	OPPOSITION	V	SCORE	ATT	REFEREE	FULL BACK	WINGER	CENTRE	CENTRE	WING	STAND OFF	SCRUM HALF
APRIL												
Sat 02	North Wales Crusaders	A	L 22-62	590	M Mannifield	Whitton 1T	Aaronson 1T	Snell 1T	Johns 3G	Symons	Turton 1T	Purcell
Sun 10	Midlands Hurricanes	H	L 14-60	1,453	J Jones	Aaronson 1T	Trerise	Tora	Johns 1G	Symons	Jones 1T	Purcell
Sat 17	Doncaster	A	L 16-52	943	M Mannifield	Aaronson 1T	Trerise	Burton 1T	Johns	Myers 1T	Jones	Purcell
Sun 24	Oldham Roughyeds	A	L 22-48	621	L Rush	Whitton 1T	Nichol	Arundel	Aaronson 2T	Myers	Jones	Purcell 2G
MAY												
Sun 01	Rochdale Hornets	H	L 0-50	903	A Sweet	Whitton	Trerise	Tora	Johns	Turner	Turton	Purcell
Sun 08	Hunslet	A	L 16-52	565	M Rossleigh	Whitton 1T	Aaronson 1T	Kay	Gibbons	Turner	Field	Purcell 2G
Sun 15	West Wales Raiders	H	L 0-20	1,153	K Moore	Whitton	Trerise	Tora	Aaronson	Adams	Collings	Rusling
Sat 21	Swinton Lions	A	L 16-54	678	M Mannifield	Whitton	Purcell 1T	Aaronson	Johns 2G	Adams	Conroy	Rusling 2T
JUNE												
Sat 04	London Skolars	H										
Sat 12	Keighley Cougars	H										
Sat 25	West Wales Raiders	A										
JULY												
Sat 02	Hunslet	H										
Sat 09	Doncaster	H										
Sun 17	Keighley Cougars	A										
Sat 23	Swinton Lions	H										
Sat 30	London Skolars	A										
AUGUST												
Sun 07	North Wales Crusaders	H										
Sun 14	Rochdale Hornets	A										
Sun 21	Oldham Roughyeds	H										
SEPT												
Sun 04	Midlands Hurricanes	A										

LEAGUE 1 LEADING SCORERS

TRIES

- 1 Mo Agoro (Keighley Cougars 13)
- 2 Gav Rodden (North Wales Crusaders 12)
- 3 Owen Restall (Oldham Rougyeds 11)
- = Gregg McNally (Rochdale Hornets 11)

GOALS

- 1 Tommy Johnson (North Wales Crusaders 51)
- = Dan Abram (Swinton Lions 51)
- 3 Lewis Sheridan (Rochdale Hornets 50)
- 4 Jack Miller (Keighley Cougars 44)

POINTS

- 1 Lewis Sheridan, right (Rochdale Hornets 140)
- 2 Tommy Johnson (North Wales Crusaders 122)
- 3 Jack Miller (Keighley Cougars 116)
- 4 Dan Abram (Swinton Lions 114)



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