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# NEIL KELLY

HEAD COACH

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

**WE HOPE OUR  
VISITORS DONCASTER  
ENJOY THEIR  
AFTERNOON IN  
CORNWALL.**

Last week against Hunslet was the first real game for us where we haven't been thinking about a rearguard action. We prepared against a heartland team with a view to win opposed to keeping the opposition's score down.

I think that is really significant for how far we've come as we had players missing from last week's performance, players that could have come into the reckoning.

For us to be within 12 points of the opposition and to compete in the arm wrestle for long periods, signifies how far we have come. Fair do's to Hunslet as they got the win but everybody that was at the game could see that we had them on the rack.

We talked afterwards in the changing room about a big learning curve and the fact we are improving all the time. We are all eager to show that improvement in results and that was demonstrated in last week's result, but we have to work harder.

We have to learn some lessons, pick up on them and work on them for today's match against Doncaster.

I thought Brad Howe had a positive debut last week after his love from rugby union. For someone who has only trained very briefly with us and signed in the past week, his performance was exceptional.

I thought he ran the ball well and ran good lines. He defended superbly and I would have no hesitation in picking him again although we knew he was always going to be unavailable today .

He would have wanted a win on his debut but for an individual debut, I think he has done superbly well.

We have added another middle this week in Myles Tate and by signing him until the end of 2024, it shows that the club are building a long-term vision for the club.

I am looking forward to seeing what Myles can do today against a Doncaster side who are in good form and will be another really tough test.

Thanks again for your support today, it was fantastic in the last game against Hunslet.



# DONCASTER RLFC

Could 2022 be the year that Doncaster shake off their page as Betfred League 1's nearly men?

Since suffering relegation from the Championship in 2015, the Dons have only failed to not make the end of season play-offs once. But the south Yorkshire outfit have been defeated at the semi-final stage (2016, 2018) and in the preliminary final (2019).

In 2021, Richard Horne's side finished in fifth place but a brilliant play-off campaign saw both Hunslet and North Wales Crusaders defeated. It looked like Doncaster would fall in the preliminary final once more as they trailed Keighley 26-22 at Cougar Park when the final hooter sounded.

However, in one of the most dramatic finishes ever seen at League 1 level, the ball was spun wide to Luke Johnson who crashed through the Keighley line to score. With the scores level, Jake Sweeting kept his nerve to slot over a magnificent touchline conversion and send the visiting support into raptures.

The 28-26 win over Keighley set up a winner-takes-all promotion final against Workington although sadly for Doncaster, the Cumbrians prevailed 36-12 to win promotion back to the Championship.

## CLUB INFORMATION

Ground: Eco-Power Stadium (15,231)

Coach: Richard Horne

Captain: Sam Smeaton

Last season: 5th League 1 (preliminary final)

## QUICK FACTS

- The Dons spent a single season in rugby league's first division for season 1994-95. Sadly, though, this would be the last season that Doncaster played at Tattersfield.
- Legendary former Great Britain skipper Ellery Hanley coached Doncaster during the 2007 and 2008 seasons.

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Macauley Hallett bagged a fine treble for Hunslet who avoided an early fright to see off ever-improving Cornwall.

The Choughs, after a maiden professional triumph last time out, started superbly and after 25 minutes of a keenly contested affair, were 12-0 ahead.

However, Hunslet hit back and scored three tries before the half-time siren to turn the match on its head.

Given the momentum shift towards the away side, it was something of a surprise to the crowd of 948 inside the Mem that Cornwall drew first blood after the restart.

That was as good as it got for Neil Kelly's men until the closing stages as Hunslet took control to double their try tally with Hallett duly completing his hat-trick.

But a mark of Cornwall's progress in such a short space was aptly demonstrated in the dying embers.

The hosts finished the stronger of the two side's and Harry Aaronson intercepted to race fully 80 metres to score under the posts.

Aaronson started the game at stand-off due to the unavailability of Nathan Conroy. This saw Christopher Chard return to the starting line-up in Cornwall's only change to the back division that started against West Wales Raiders seven days previously.

Up front, Sam Gilder kept his place at hooker to start at home for the first time in 2022. Elsewhere, Sam Snell was in from the off after last being named in the starting 13 at Doncaster on Easter Saturday.

Cornishman Snell, one of six to make the Choughs' matchday 17, has been hampered by injury so far this term and he was partnered in the back-row by Charley Bodman - facing his former club.

At the base of the scrum, skipper Jamie Prisk was in from the off in place of Louis Collinson who was ruled out after picking up a knock against West Wales.



And on the interchange bench, the Choughs' latest recruit Brad Howe was named after his recent code switch from rugby union.

Despite Cornwall's early dominance on the scoreboard, it was Hunslet who started the match on the front foot. The Parksiders enjoyed three repeat sets on the hosts' line but could not find a way through.

And after weathering the early storm, Cornwall opened the scoring. A long kick wasn't dealt with by the Hunslet and Aaronson was the first to the ball. He kicked forward and managed to gather in Hunslet's red-zone.

Christopher Chard was the man in at dummy-half and the winger passed to Aaron Jones-Bishop who finished under the posts against his former employers. Joe Purcell kicked the extras and Cornwall were up and running.

It got even better for the men in black and gold just before the 20 minute mark when Tom Ashton marked his home debut with a try. The former Rochdale man crashed through two would-be Hunslet defenders to dot down. Jamie Prisk took over the kicking duties and duly obliged.

Cornwall were rampant at this point with Hunslet shell-shocked and struggling to get out of their own half. Brilliant home defence resulted in Wayne Rettie coughing the ball up on halfway and Cornwall swept forward hunting a third try.

Ashton fed winger Decarlo Trerise with Hunslet stretched but he decided to go outside opposed to cutting in field and was subsequently bundled into touch.

That was one of two pivotal first half moments which swung the game in Hunslet's favour. With the ball back in their hands and in the space of three minutes, Hallett had powered his way over for a brace of tries - both converted by Pat Walker.

Then, with the clock ticking towards the 40 minute mark, Cornwall turned the ball over in their own half and Harvey Hallas profited shortly after to score. Playing down the slope in the second half, Cornwall levelled the game back up just after the restart

through Liam Whitton's close-range finish and Purcell converted.

Hunslet found another gear though as Hallett bagged another before Josh Jordan-Roberts twisted to somehow score. Jack Render then put Hunslet three scores in front with a run in out wide and during the celebrations, Whitton was mysteriously sent to the sin-bin by rookie whistle blower Ryan Cox.

Only two last ditch tackles from Purcell and one from Aaronson prevented Hunslet adding further points with Cornwall a man down. But when back to a full complement, the Choughs dug in to stem the Hunslet tide and Aaronson's searing pace completed the scoring.

**Cornwall:** Whitton, Trerise, Jones-Bishop, Ashton, Chard, Aaronson, Purcell, Hartshorne, Gilder, Ray, Bodman, Snell, Prisk. Interchange: (all used) Bolger, Howe, Odgers, Tora.

Tries: Jones-Bishop, Ashton, Whitton, Aaronson. Goals: Purcell 3/3, Prisk 1/1. Sin bin: Whitton

Referee: Ryan Cox; Attendance: 946



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Joe Purcell  




Anthony Mullally  




Jake Lloyd  
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Jack Ray  




Aaron Thomson  




Sam Gilder  


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# TODAY'S SQUADS



Betfred League 1 Round 14  
Saturday, July 9, 2022  
Memorial Ground 1.00pm

## CORNWALL RLFC

Head coach: Neil Kelly

**LIAM WHITTON**

**HARRY AARONSON**

**AARON JONES-BISHOP**

**TOM ASHTON**

**SAM ARUNDEL**

**DECARLO TRERISE**

**NATHAN CONROY**

**JOE PURCELL**

**ADAM RUSLING**

**JACK RAY**

**MARCUS GREEN**

**SAM GILDER**

**LUKE COLLINS**

**JAMIE PRISK (C)**

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**LOUIS COLLINSON**

**WILL ODGERS**

**AARON THOMSON**

**CHARLEY BODMAN**

**MYLES TATE**

**NATHAN CULLEN**

## DONCASTER

Head coach: Richard Horne

**WATSON BOAS**

**GREG BURNS**

**BEN COCKAYNE**

**TRAVIS CORION**

**JOE FELLA**

**KEELAN FOSTER**

**TOM HALLIDAY**

**BEN HOWE**

**BEN JOHNSTON**

**AARON OLLETT-HOBSON**

**LOUI MCCONNELL**

**DAVE PETERSEN**

**DEAN ROBERTS**

**CONNOR ROBINSON**

**LEON RUAN**

**SAM SMEATON**

**ROBBIE STOREY**

**JASON TALI**

**MISI TAULAPAPA**

**ROSS WHITMORE**

**AARON YORK**

Referee: AARYN BELAFONTE; Touch Judges: SAM JENKINSON & CAMERON CHARNOCK; Reserve Referee: GUY PALLETT

# BETFRED LEAGUE 1 ROUND-UP

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The business end of Betfred League 1 is starting to loom on the horizon as round 14 takes place this weekend.

Keighley Cougars are top of the pile with a perfect 100 per cent record and seemingly cruising towards league glory and Championship promotion.

Below the Cougars, five teams are jostling for positions in the play-offs. Swinton Lions, North Wales Crusaders and Rochdale are all tied on 18 points whilst Doncaster are just two further back.

Hunslet occupy the final play-off place and are six points clear of seventh placed Oldham. Although the Roughyeds have a game in hand, they face an uphill battle to force their way into the end of season lottery.

Round 14 starts here in Cornwall on Saturday as Neil Kelly's ever-improving Choughs face off against Doncaster.

The Dons are in a rich vein of form currently and a magnificent second half performance saw Richard Horne's charges battle back from 12-6 down to defeat Swinton Lions 26-12 at Heywood Road on Sunday.

For the Choughs, after a first ever professional win was secured at West Wales Raiders in round 12, last time out Hunslet were the visitors to the Mem.

Cornwall raced into a 12-0 lead thanks to tries from Aaron Jones-Bishop and Tom Ashton. Hunslet battled back to lead 18-12 at the break but Liam Whitton's converted try early in the second 40 levelled the scores. But Hunslet, led by Macauley Hallett's fine treble, kicked on to record a hard-fought victory, but not before Harry Aaronson had scored a spectacular 80-metre intercept try late on.

Looking to build momentum and consistency for the play-offs, Hunslet host basement dwellers West Wales Raiders on Sunday. The Raiders, who prop up the rest, were thrashed 86-0 by title elect Keighley Cougars in their previous match.

Mo Agoro was Keighley's star with a magnificent four-timer while Nathan Rosebuck, Jake Webster, Charlie

Graham and Aaron Levy all grabbed braces in a 16-try romp.

The Cougars travel to the capital looking for a 13th consecutive win tomorrow (Saturday) against a London Skolars side who pushed North Wales Crusaders close in Colwyn Bay last weekend.

Two tries from the Skolars' outstanding full-back Jarred Bassett meant Joe Mbu's side were very much in the game after 40 minutes and they only trailed 16-12.

And the destination of two competition points was very much in the balance until the final minutes before Tommy Johnson's try secured victory for the Welsh outfit.

The Crusaders face a tea time trip to Midlands Hurricanes on Saturday with the Birmingham-based side edged out by Rochdale in a Portway points fest in round 13.

The Hornets swept into an early 22-0 lead and were well in command after 40 minutes. But Midlands, who will have coach Richard Squires back in charge this weekend after he served a Rugby Football League suspension, battled back to push Rochdale close. Ben O'Keefe was the Hornets' star with a hat-trick as they eventually prevailed 42-34.

For Midlands, Alex Sutcliffe, Tyler Walton, Phil Cowburn, Hayden Freeman, George Collins and Kieron Lawton crossed the whitewash. Ben Stead kicked five goals from six attempts.

The Hornets will be eyeing second place as they travel to struggling Oldham. The Roughyeds are on the verge of drinking in the last chance saloon for a play-off place in 2022.

They know defeat will almost end their chances of any matches beyond the first weekend in September.

Nevertheless, victory against their Lancastrian rivals, who they were soundly beaten by at Spotland on Good Friday, could ignite a late season charge towards the top six.

# LEAGUE 1 RESULTS & FIXTURES

DATE	OPPOSITION	V	SCORE	ATT	REFEREE	FULL BACK	WING	CENTRE	CENTRE	WING	STAND OFF	SCRUM HALF
<b>APRIL</b>												
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	Trerise	Burton 1T	Johns 2G	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
<b>MAY</b>												
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
<b>JUNE</b>												
Sat 04	London Skolars	H	L 20-24	827	J Jones	Whitton	J-Bishop 1T	Aaronson	Tora	Trerise	Conroy	Rusling 4G
Sat 12	Keighley Cougars	H	L 12-56	1,082	J McMullen	Whitton	Trerise	J-Bishop 1T	Tora	Chard	Conroy	Purcell 2G
Sat 25	West Wales Raiders	A	W 24-4	344	J Jones	Whitton 2T	Aaronson 2T	J-Bishop	Ashton	Trerise	Conroy	Purcell 1T 1G
<b>JULY</b>												
Sat 02	Hunslet	H	L 24-36	948	R Cox	Whitton 1T	Trerise	J-Bishop 1T	Ashton 1T	Chard	Aaronson 1T	Purcell 3G
Sat 09	Doncaster	H										
Sun 17	Keighley Cougars	A										
Sat 23	Swinton Lions	H										
Sat 30	London Skolars	A										
<b>AUGUST</b>												
Sun 07	North Wales Crusaders	H										
Sun 14	Rochdale Hornets	A										
Sun 21	Oldham Roughyeds	H										
<b>SEPT</b>												
Sun 04	Midlands Hurricanes	A										

# LEAGUE 1 LEADING SCORERS

## TRIES

- 1 Mo Agoro (Keighley Cougars 22)
- 2 Charlie Graham - pictured - (Keighley Cougars 13)
- = Nathan Roebuck (Keighley Cougars 13)
- = Gav Rodden (North Wales Crusaders 13)

## GOALS

- 1 Jack Miller (Keighley Cougars 78)
- 2 Dan Abram (Swinton Lions 72)
- 3 Tommy Johnson (North Wales Crusaders 62)
- 4 Lewis Sheridan (Rochdale Hornets 59)

## POINTS

- 1 Jack Miller (Keighley Cougars 196)
- 2 Lewis Sheridan (Rochdale Hornets 170)
- 3 Dan Abram (Swinton Lions 160)
- 4 Tommy Johnson (North Wales Crusaders 148)



# LEAGUE 1 RESULTS & FIXTURES

PROP	HOOKER	PROP	SECOND ROW	SECOND ROW	L FORWARD	INT-CHANGE	INT-CHANGE	INT-CHANGE	INT-CHANGE	MAN OF THE MATCH
Mullally	Lloyd	Ray	Hartshorne	Thomson	Prisk	Bolger	Gilder	Trerise	Collings	Aaronson
Mullally	Kay	Ray	Hartshorne	Thomson	Prisk	Bolger	Lloyd	Brannan	Snell 1T	Jones
Brannan	Lloyd 1T	Ray	Snell	Thomson	Mullally	Bolger	Gilder	Nichol	Collings	Brannan
Brannan	Kay	Ray	Hartshorne	Thomson	Mullally 1T	Bolger	Gilder	Johns 1G	Prisk	Aaronson
Mullally	Kay	Hird	Hartshorne	Gibbons	Field	Bolger	Lloyd	Collinson	Prisk	Mullally
Mullally	Lloyd	Hird	Hartshorne	Odgers	Collinson	Bolger	Trerise	Collings	Prisk 1T	Collinson
Mullally	Lloyd	Bolger	Kay	Odgers	Collinson	Walker	Gilder	Hartshorne	Prisk	Whitton
Walker	Collins	Kay	Tora	Odgers	Collinson	Collings	Gilder	Hartshorne	Prisk	Walker
Mullally	Collins	Prisk	Hartshorne	Odgers	Collinson	Bolger	Purcell 2T	Turton	Chard	Jones-Bishop
Mullally	Collins	Cullen 1T	Hartshorne	Odgers	Collinson	Bolger	Ray	Turton	Prisk	Purcell
Ray	Gilder	Hartshorne	Cullen	Odgers	Collinson	Bolger	Bodman	Snell	Prisk 1G	Collinson
Ray	Gilder	Hartshorne	Snell	Bodman	Prisk 1G	Bolger	Odgers	Tora	Howe	Gilder

## NEXT UP FOR THE CHOUGHS

Cornwall RLFC face their longest Betfred League 1 trip of 2022 next Sunday, July 17, when the side travel to title elect Keighley Cougars - 2.00pm.

The Cougars faced off against Cornwall here at the Memorial Ground last month with Rhys Lovegrove's side claiming a 56-12 triumph.

However, the Choughs more than matched the big-spending visitors for long periods.

And had it not been for Liam Whitton's red card for an alleged punch, which forced Cornwall to play with 12 men for the final 42 minutes of the game, the final scoreline would have been much, much closer. Since their victory in the Duchy, Keighley have continued with their march towards the Championship.

Last time out, the Cougars thrashed basement dwellers West Wales Raiders 86-0.



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