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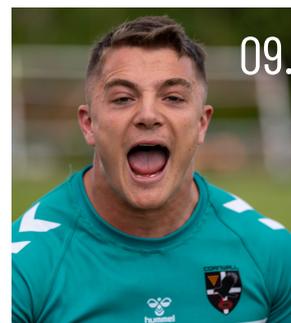
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# NEIL KELLY

HEAD COACH

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

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

The win over West Wales Raiders last weekend could be massive for the club and it's great that we have won away from home.

It would have been great to have won at home to give our supporters a victory in front of their own eyes.

We now return to Penryn to play Hunslet the afternoon and we're in the competition. I know that may sound a little bit silly, but we are now properly taking part in a competition by right.

We are earning a lot of credibility that way too and the respect we are earning from other teams, especially those from the heartland areas, is probably the biggest cause of pride that I feel.

I'm from the north, but to earn the respect of people I have grown up playing rugby with and against, in all those years, gives us credibility.

The next stage is to back our first win up week in and week out because that is what professional rugby league is all about

It is not lost on me the magnitude of this victory both in this league campaign and in historical rugby terms for Cornwall to win their first ever game.

The win is up there with any other achievement I have in rugby. The season has been difficult and even the build-up to this game was difficult.

This victory shouldn't hide the fact that we are still learning and finding our feet as a club - both on and off the field.

That said, to earn a victory, it energises you to face the day-to-day challenges that come with starting a brand new team and club.

I always said I wanted to be part of a development side and it has been tough. However, when you get your first win, it makes it all seem worthwhile

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



# THE PARKSIDERS

With a full pre-season behind him, Parksiders supremo Alan Kilshaw will once again be targeting a play-off finish for his charges.

Hunslet bagged the sixth and final play-off spot in 2021 with Kilshaw steadying the ship at the South Leeds Stadium after it listed heavily when defeated by Coventry Bears in July, which resulted in coach Gary Thornton losing his job.

Despite making the play-offs last year, Hunslet fell at the first hurdle when they were beaten by Doncaster. Wanting to improve on that semi-final loss, Kilshaw has completely re-shaped his squad over the close-season with a big turnover of playing personnel. And initially his recruitment policy seemed to have the desired effect after Keighley were defeated in the Challenge Cup. Hunslet made it through to round three when they eased past Siddal before the Parksiders lost to North Wales Crusaders in round three.

## CLUB INFORMATION

Ground: South Leeds Stadium (4,000)

Coach: Alan Kilshaw

Captain: Duane Straughier

Last season: 6th League 1 (elimination play-offs)

## QUICK FACTS

- The old incarnation of the Hunslet club, which was in existence until 1973, was the first winner of rugby league's Four Cups. In 1907-08, captained by the legendary Albert Goldthorpe, Hunslet were crowned Division One, Challenge Cup, County League and County Cup (Yorkshire) winners.
- In 1999, Hunslet defeated Dewsbury to win the Northern Ford Premiership but were denied promotion to Super League.

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# WEST WALES 4 CORNWALL RLFC 24



Cornwall RLFC made history by recording their first ever professional victory as West Wales Raiders were defeated in Llanelli.

After coming so close to an elusive maiden triumph against London Skolars earlier this month, Neil Kelly's side went one better against a physical but ultimately outclassed West Wales side.

The visitors scored five tries and but for an off day from the tee, with only two successful conversions recorded, the margin of victory should have been even wider.

For the hosts, in large parts, they were architects of their own downfall with three players sent to the sin-bin as ill-discipline came to the fore.

And but for leniency from merry whistle blower James Jones, they can count themselves fortunate not to have a player sent-off when Tom Morgan hit Cornwall centre Tom Ashton with a nasty high tackle. The contact lifted the former Rochdale man off his feet,

but Morgan only spent 10 minutes in the bin, instead of heading for an early bath.

Even after the final siren, West Wales' frustrations boiled over when Shane Lee aimed a headbut at former home player Charlie Bodman, who was making his Cornwall debut after joining from Hunslet.

Prior to kick-off, at a stormy Stebonheath Park as heavy rain showers fell at regular intervals, Cornwall coach Kelly was forced to do without Anthony Mullally and Luke Collins through suspension.

The news of the Irish international and English born Australian's absence was tempered by the inclusion of both Bodman and Ashton.

Aaron Thomson was also named in the starting line-up for the first time since late April when he suffered a knee injury at Oldham. However, the former Exeter Chiefs rugby union academy prospect was to suffer further heartbreak in the warm-up as he damaged a hamstring and pulled out at the last minute.



was cruel luck on a visibly distressed Thomson who had battled back to full fitness during the recent international break. He was replaced in the starting 13 by Will Odgers as Paul Bolger stepped up to interchange.

Last time the two sides met at the Mem back in May, it was the Raiders who scored within the first 60 seconds to put down a real marker for the rest of the match.

On this occasion, Cornwall exacted their revenge. Liam Whitton's low kick-off was fumbled by Ben Jackson and Cornwall had first use of the football. After the visitors hammered away on the Raiders' line, Joe Purcell's grubber was fumbled by Jamie Murphy and Harry Aaronson was on hand to dot down. Purcell missed the extras but Cornwall were up and running.

It got even better for the Choughs shortly after when Aaronson scored his second of the afternoon with a wonderfully acrobatic finish in the corner.

Purcell's flat pass was gathered by Ashton who drew the cover defence and Aaronson was in. Once again the try couldn't be improved upon by Purcell from near the touchline.

The Raiders did recover from their early defensive woes and thought they had scored a try of their own when Luke Broster crashed through but his effort was chalked off for a knock-on.

With Lloyd Allen in the bin for a high tackle, Cornwall were the team to think they had scored next, only for Jones to rule otherwise. Purcell found Jamie Prisk and the Cornwall captain finished well, only for the referee to rule a forward pass.

Just shy of the half hour mark and the third Cornwall try did arrive when Whitton somehow managed to burrow his way over with four would-be Welsh defenders in attendance. Prisk took over the kicking duties and found the mark.

As half-time approached, West Wales finally opened their account as Jackson made up for his costly error at the kick-off. Jamie Murphy couldn't convert and Cornwall went into the turnaround in a commanding position.

West Wales kicked off the second half but the ball sailed out on the full which summed up their disappointing afternoon. Nevertheless, Ashley Bateman's side then threw all they had at Cornwall for the next 20 minutes but the away team held firm. After weathering the storm, Cornwall found another gear and with Morgan off the field, Purcell scored a wonderful solo try. Aaron Jones-Bishop was held up over the line, Purcell took the ball at first receiver, dropped his shoulder and ghosted past the Raiders defence to score.

Aaronson became the third Chough to take over with the tee but his radar went awry. At this point, that elusive first win almost felt within touching distance for Cornwall and six minutes from time, the victory was secured.

Purcell, who once again stood out for the Choughs, kicked in behind and after a home defender tried to catch the ball but didn't gather cleanly, Whitton was Johnny-on-the-spot to seize on the scraps and score. Purcell improved on the score and Cornwall were home and dried.

**West Wales:** Murphy, Wilde, Morgan, Jackson, Dyer-Dixon, Lee, Simpson, Tate, Phillips, Badham, Allen, Broster, Burke. Interchange: (all used) Jones, Terrill, Bateman, Boots.

Try: Jackson. Goals: Murphy 0/1

Sin bin: Allen (high tackle), Morgan (high tackle), Jones (elbow)

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

Tries: Aaronson (2), Whitton (2), Purcell. Goals: Purcell 1/3, Prisk 1/1, Aaronson 0/1.

Referee: James Jones

Attendance: 344

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# TODAY'S SQUADS



Betfred League 1 Round 13  
Saturday, July 2, 2022  
Memorial Ground 1.00pm

## CORNWALL RLFC

Head coach: Neil Kelly

**LIAM WHITTON**

**HARRY AARONSON**

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**TOM ASHTON**

**JOSH TORA**

**DECARLO TRERISE**

**NATHAN CONROY**

**JOE PURCELL**

**JACK RAY**

**SAM GILDER**

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**WILL ODGERS**

**CHARLEY BODMAN**

**BRAD HOWE**

**AARON THOMSON**

**PAUL BOLGER**

**SAM SNELL**

**MATTY TURTON**

**CHRISTOPHER CHARD**

## HUNSLET

Head coach: Alan Kilshaw

**JIMMY WATSON**

**WAYNE RETTIE**

**JACK RENDER**

**DAVE GIBBONS**

**HARVEY HALLAS**

**HARVEY WHITELEY**

**JOSH JORDAN-ROBERTS**

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**JORDAN PAGA**

**JACOB BEER**

**LIAM CARR**

**MACAULEY HALLETT**

**SION JONES**

**PAT WALKER**

**OLI BURTON**

**JAKE SWEETING**

**JOE HIRD**

**JACOB DOYLE**

Referee: RYAN COX; Touch Judges: KRISTOFF YOUNG & KEVIN LEWIS; Reserve Referee: JOHN LINCOLN

# BETFRED LEAGUE 1 ROUND-UP

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Betfred League 1 moves to its 13th round this coming weekend with the first match taking place in the Duchy as **Cornwall RLFC** host **Hunslet**.

The Choughs will take on Alan Kilshaw's Parksiders in high spirits after claiming a first ever professional win last time out.

Cornwall travelled to Llanelli to take on the West Wales Raiders and came away from Stebonheath Park with a well-deserved 24-4 triumph.

A quick-fire brace from Harry Aaronson within the first 15 minutes put Cornwall into control and a further Liam Whitton try, converted by Jamie Prisk, put the visitors 14-0 ahead.

Before the turnaround, Ben Jackson did cross the whitewash for West Wales who started the second half strongly. However, Cornwall kept the hosts at bay and added further tries from Joe Purcell and Whitton to claim a famous victory.

Whilst Cornwall were picking up two competition points in Wales, Hunslet were hosting **Rochdale** in round 12. Hoping to build on their wonderful win over North Wales Crusaders prior to the Hornets crossing into Yorkshire, Hunslet were 10-0 behind inside five minutes.

Gregg McNally and Aiden Roden registered for Rochdale who further increased their advantage shortly after through Rob Worrincy. Jimmy Watson's try, converted by Jake Sweeting, did give Hunslet hope just before the break.

But any chance of a Hunslet comeback was thwarted as Rochdale kicked on. They scored two further tries without reply through Zac Baker and Paul Brearley to kill off Kilshaw's troops.

Oli Burton did cross next for Hunslet but Cobi Green responded in kind although the final 10 minutes did belong to the home side. Brearley was sent to the sin bin by referee Liam Rush for interference and Hunslet capitalised.

Prop Harvey Hallas and winger Jack Render both breached the Rochdale rearguard and with Sweeting

keeping his 100 per cent record from the tee, the Hornets would only prevail 34-22.

Rochdale are one of eight teams to play this coming Sunday as they travel to Portway to face **Midlands Hurricanes**.

The Birmingham based outfit were not in action last weekend and this week, have announced that founder Alan Robinson has sold his stake in the club to Mike Lomas.

The battle between the top and bottom sides in League 1 sees **West Wales Raiders** face the daunting task of a trip to **Keighley Cougars**.

The leaders' imperious march towards the Championship continued last weekend with a 62-0 home rout of struggling Oldham. Jake Miller, Mo Agoro and Nathan Roebuck all bagged braces in an 11 try romp. Recent recruits Junior Sa'u and Eddy Pettybourne both made their Cougars bow with the former scoring on his debut.

Possibly the most intriguing League 1 fixture of round 13 takes place at Heywood Road with **Doncaster** the opponents for **Swinton Lions**.

Both teams were victorious last weekend with the Dons ensuring North Wales' miserable run of form continues.

It's now three consecutive defeats for the Crusaders who were defeated 26-18 in Colwyn Bay. Leading 22-6 at the break, Doncaster saw off a Crusaders fightback and added two further penalties from star man Ben Howe to triumph.

Swinton overcame a potential banana skin at **London Skolars** to win 48-22 and keep hold of second place.

The Lions raced into a 30-0 lead and despite the ever-improving hosts finally growing into the game, Swinto were good value for their win.

The Skolars face the long trip west to **North Wales Crusaders** searching for a third consecutive away win on the bounce after previous triumphs over Cornwall and West Wales.

# 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										
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 - pictured - (Keighley Cougars 18)
- 2 Gav Rodden (North Wales Crusaders 13)
- = Owen Restall (Oldham Rougyeds 13)
- 4 Gregg McNally (Rochdale Hornets 12)

## GOALS

- 1 Dan Abram (Swinton Lions 70)
- 2 Jack Miller (Keighley Cougars 67)
- 3 Tommy Johnson (North Wales Crusaders 57)
- 4 Lewis Sheridan (Rochdale Hornets 55)

## POINTS

- 1 Jack Miller (Keighley Cougars 170)
- 2 Dan Abram (Swinton Lions 156)
- 3 Lewis Sheridan (Rochdale Hornets 154)
- 4 Tommy Johnson (North Wales Crusaders 134)





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