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| **League positions 2014-2015** | | | | | | | | | |  |
|  |  | P | W | D | L | F | A | D | Pts | Adj |
| 12th | Torquay | 19 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 363 | 659 | -296 | 23 | 11 |
| **13th** | **St Ives** | 18 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 236 | 855 | -619 | 18 | 4 |

**St Ives v Torquay Athletic**

Saturday 21st February 2015

KO 2:30 p.m.

**at**

St Ives Recreation Ground

Welcome to The Recreation Ground here at Alexandra Road for the latest round of the Tribute Western Counties West League. Today we look forward to meeting old rivals, Torquay Athletic.

It is turning out to be a very tough season for both St Ives and Torquay, each having only three wins to their credit. A look at the league table shows that only Tavistock lie below them. On 25th October on their visit to Torquay, The Hakes were on the receiving end of a heavy defeat, 66-0. However, whilst their away form has been poor, they know that today they have a real opportunity to carve out a much needed victory. Indeed, a bonus point win puts them on level terms with the visitors.

It may be of interest to note that while Torquay 1st XV is here today, their 2nds and 3rds have fixtures against Barnstaple. Former players and officials in the far west often lament at the demise of such luxuries as enough for more than one team. So, well done to Torquay. Keep it up.

Our referee for today’s match is Nicholas Searle from CRRS. We are grateful to him for giving up his time and trust he has an enjoyable afternoon.

Finally, thank you for your support. Please join us in the clubhouse after the match and enjoy a drink and a chat.

*Alan Thomas*

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| **Today’s Tribute Western Counties West League fixtures** |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Kingsbridge |  |  | Wellington | | Exeter University |  |  | Sidmouth | | Devonport Services |  |  | Penryn | | Okehampton |  |  | Tavistock | | Wadebridge Camels |  |  | Tiverton | | Truro |  |  | Teignmouth | | St Ives (SW) |  |  | **Torquay Athletic** |  |  | | --- | | **Next League fixture:**  Saturday 28th February: Tavistock v St Ives  **Next home league fixture:**  Saturday 7th March: St Ives v Truro | | *Photos Courtesy of Barney Carver* | | |



**Team news**

**St Ives** will be pleased to have captain Ben Taylor back after injury. Ben Wheeler continues to impress alongside Pirates academy prop, Jay Tyack to complete a healthy looking front row. This releases Ben Jenkins to the second row with regular lock, Tom Chandler. The back row has the ever present Sam Heath, flanked by Sean Stevens, so keen since returning from injury and Ellis Cox, always consistent.

Jason Jackson continues at scrum half, a position he has made his own. Top scorer, Jamie Prisk, occupies flyhalf spot. In the centre Tom Nicholas returns from work commitments and is partnered by Joe Rouncefield. The youthful and energetic trio of Prisk, Rees and Chandler complete a promising line up for the blues.

**Torquay** visit St Ives with clear aspirations to leave with a win, knowing that this will release a lot of pressure. A bonus point win could take them above Wellington who have a tough fixture at Kingsbridge. Most of the visiting side are regulars. Congratulations to no.6, Shane Wakeham, who has played in every league match this season, closely followed by, Woodhead (7T) and Norrish (2T) in the second row and no.8, Tom Whitford with six tries. Only Jake Bolton at no.7 is new to the pack.

Captain and top points scorer (12T, 8C, 5P), Alex Jeffery, links with less experienced flyhalf, Sam Hedges, at half back. In the centre ever present Andy Gormley partners with Ash Sharp returning for his first league game since November. The back three: Arron Graham who scored two tries in the away match against St Ives returns for his first game since December. Young Liam Cook comes in for a third appearance. Matt Limmer will be hoping for a first win with Torquay. If they all travel Torquay will provide tough opposition; a good game to win.

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| St Ives ‘Hakes’ | V | Torquay Athletic |
| Ben Wheeler | 1 | Ollie Drake |
| (Capt.) Ben Taylor | 2 | Ben Sharples |
| Jay Tyack | 3 | Sonny Rowe |
| Tom Chandler | 4 | Jon Woodhead |
| Ben Jenkins | 5 | James Norrish |
| Ellis Cox | 6 | Shane Wakeham |
| Sean Stevens | 7 | Jake Bolton |
| Sam Heath | 8 | Tom Whitford |
| Jason Jackson | 9 | Alex Jeffery (Capt.) |
| Jamie Prisk | 10 | Sam Hedges |
| Gareth Rees | 11 | Arron Graham |
| Tom Nicholas | 12 | Andrew Gormley |
| Joe Rouncefield | 13 | Ash Sharp |
| Sam Chandler | 14 | Liam Cook |
| Niall Prisk | 15 | Matt Limmer |
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| Liam Trudgeon | 16 | Sam Allen |
| Scott Perkin | 17 | Jamie Hext |
| Tobi Carver | 18 | Dave Carpenter |
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| Referee: Nicholas Searle (CRRS) | | |

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