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| **Recent results for St Ives and Keynsham** |
| 5/1 Coney Hill (H) W 91:12, 22/12 Teignmouth (A) L 55:23 |
| 5/1 Okehampton (H) W 20:7, 15/12 North Petherton (A) W 0:21 |

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| **League Table for South West 1 West 2018-19** | | | | | | | | | |
| **#** | **Team** | **Pd** | **W** | **L** | **F** | **Ag** | **Diff** | **Bon** | **Pts** |
| 1 | Launceston | 15 | 13 | 2 | 517 | 309 | 208 | 13 | 66 |
| 2 | Okehampton | 15 | 12 | 3 | 472 | 179 | 293 | 11 | 60 |
| 3 | Newent | 15 | 9 | 6 | 438 | 323 | 115 | 13 | 49 |
| **4** | **St Ives (SW)** | **15** | **9** | **6** | **469** | **360** | **109** | **12** | **49** |
| 5 | Bridgwater & Albion | 15 | 9 | 6 | 511 | 393 | 118 | 12 | 48 |
| 6 | Devonport Services | 15 | 9 | 6 | 371 | 359 | 12 | 9 | 45 |
| **7** | **Keynsham** | **15** | **8** | **7** | **290** | **280** | **10** | **7** | **40** |
| 8 | Thornbury | 14 | 8 | 6 | 357 | 323 | 34 | 6 | 38 |
| 9 | Lydney | 15 | 7 | 8 | 347 | 331 | 16 | 10 | 38 |
| 10 | Hornets | 15 | 7 | 8 | 427 | 450 | -23 | 10 | 38 |
| 11 | North Petherton | 15 | 7 | 8 | 343 | 430 | -87 | 8 | 36 |
| 12 | Teignmouth | 14 | 5 | 9 | 301 | 382 | -81 | 11 | 31 |
| 13 | Cullompton | 15 | 1 | 14 | 253 | 518 | -265 | 5 | 9 |
| 14 | Coney Hill | 15 | 0 | 15 | 141 | 600 | -459 | 3 | -17 |

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Today’s South West 1 West fixture at Alexandra Road is against Somerset club, Keynsham. The committee extend a hearty welcome to all supporters, players and officials, especially those who have travelled from afar. It would appear that this is the first time in many years that they have met.  
 Our visitors today can boast four senior sides, located as it is, between Bristol and Bath. It also has over 400 minis and juniors turning up each Sunday morning, making Keynsham a very community based club.  
 This promises to be a tough test for both sides. St Ives began the season with a home win and then lost the next two, both away, the latter 17:0 at Keynsham. Home form is much better with a 78% win rate. Half of their twelve bonus points are from tries. With Bridgwater playing Devonport (5th v 6th), this is an opportunity to consolidate their league position, knowing that they travel to Launceston next week.

Keynsham have two wins on the road, most recently at North Petherton. They have had close encounters too, at Launceston, Thornbury and Okehampton. They have acquired three bonus points away from home.

The middle of the table is crowded. A couple of results can make a huge difference. The scene is set for a terrific contest.

The match referee today is Mr Mike Oliver (DRRS). Please show respect for his decisions. Finally, please join committee and players in the club house for a chat and refreshments after the match.

*Alan Thomas*

**Other South West 1 West Fixtures today**

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| Bridgwater v Devonport | Launceston v Okehampton |
| Hornets v Cullompton | Teignmouth v Coney Hill |
| North Petherton v Lydney | Thornbury v Newent |

**Next Fixture**

**Saturday 19th January**

Launceston v St Ives \*

**Next Home Fixture**

**Saturday 26th January**

St Ives v Lydney

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\**Correction from last week’s programme*

**St Ives Hakes v Keynsham**

Saturday 12th January 2019

KO 2:30p.m.

at

St Ives Recreation Ground

**Keynsham grounds and club house**

**Some notes about Keynsham and the rugby club**

* Keynsham has a population of about 16,000.
* It sits at the confluence of the rivers Chew and Avon.
* It is situated on the Bristol to Bath Road.
* Keynsham Football Stadium is next door to the rugby club.
* Keynsham Cricket Club shares the grounds.
* Marcus Trescothick played for the cricket club.
* Keynsham were champions of Western Counties North in 2016-17
* They were WCN runners up and lost the playoff 16:10 away against Kingsbridge in 2015-16
* Mark Regan (MBE) 49 apps for England at hooker and one with the Lions played for Keynsham minis & juniors
* The club has resided in the WCN league for much of the decade.
* Keynsham were Somerset Premier Champions in 2007-08.

**Nearly, but not quite….**

Research shows that the closest the two teams got to meeting in the leagues was in 2005-06. St Ives were promoted to SW1 after their famous victory over Swanage & Wareham (10:26) in the play off. That season in the SW2W was the only one where Keynsham were moved into the SW2E league. They were playing at the same level, but not the same league.

###### Player news: Local supporters will have noticed a new face on the field for St Ives, coming off the replacements bench. This was recent signing, Adam Hosking, a full back/fly half, formerly a regular at Redruth RFC. Former captain, Stephen Kenward did take Kye Beasley’s place on the bench and made an appearance, but rumours of his imminent return as a regular are grossly exaggerated. Dan Magee returns in the backs, while Bick, Watson and Hocking are forward changes.

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| **St Ives Hakes** | **v** | **Keynsham** |
| Ben Taylor | 1 | Philip Harvey |
| Connor Bick | 2 | Jack Evans |
| Ben Jenkins | 3 | Ryan Harding |
| Jamie Prisk | 4 | Jack Cowan |
| Ben Watson | 5 | Richard Court |
| Jamie Hoskin | 6 | Lewis Bush |
| Aden Brassington | 7 | Matt Withey |
| Martyn Lawrance | 8 | Joe Clements |
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| Sam Carter | 9 | Adam Harrison |
| Rhys Brownfield | 10 | Matthew Fairless |
| Pete Mabbott | 11 | Gareth Bradnock |
| Grant Thirlby | 12 | Daniel Moody |
| Tom Nicholas (Capt.) | 13 | George Warren |
| Dan Magee | 14 | John Pearce |
| Jack Kessell | 15 | Ciaren Chester |
| Replacements | | |
| Leigh Hocking | 16 | Ben Angell |  |  |
| Sam Vernon | 17 | Kit Timmis |
| Adam Hosking | 18 | Ollie Sayer |
| Referee: Mike Oliver (DRRS) | | |