



THREE'S A CROWD: OPMs' Phil Roberts (far right) gets ready to collect a loose line-out ball against Okehampton

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PASS MASTER: OPMs' Chris Pascoe launches a pass to a team-mate against Okehampton

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Tom grabs crucial try

WESTERN COUNTIES WEST
Paignton...11 Ivybridge...16

THE Bridge put a traumatic seven days behind them by coming from behind to win at Queens Park.

The unexpected departure of centre Mo Oto Ota to Mounts Bay - he scored on his debut against Withycombe - did nothing to help Ivybridge's preparations.

And they were seldom at their best against Paignton, who hassled and stopped Ivybridge getting their game plan going.

But Paignton had their share of problems as well, poor decision-making and ball-retention issues, and failed to make the best of the possession they enjoyed for long spells.

The Cherries were first on the board with an Andy Sandercock penalty and stayed in front until just before half-time.

Then the Bridge got ahead when they turned defence into attack from their own 22 and scrum-half Dave Glendenning scored wide out.

A second Sandercock penalty nosed Paignton a point ahead 10 minutes into the second half - and when former Albion prop Dan Swar muscled his way through from the 22 it looked all over for the Bridge. With time running out the Bridge cranked up the tempo and were rewarded with three scores in quick succession.

Spenser Owen kicked two penalties and there was a try on the end of a chip and chase for wing Tom Kitchenham.

Torquay Ath...58 Devonport Services...12

TORQUAY brought Services down to earth after their own hefty win over Wessex seven days earlier with their biggest win of the season.

But, for Services' team manager Dave Burgess, every player in a blue shirt was a hero.

"We had so many injuries and cry-offs only 15 players travelled and some of them were playing out of position," said Burgess. "There were only three real backs in the backline, the rest were forwards. Hooker Peter Fletcher was on one wing and prop Chris Lepoideven was on the other."

"And considering we played 25 minutes with only 13 men after Fletcher and Matt Anstis went off injured, we didn't do that bad."

"Whatever the scoreline says we stuffed them in the scrums, where the referee was protecting them, and I am immensely proud of each and every one of the players who travelled."

Torquay were 10 points up in the first five

**WESTERN COUNTIES WEST,
DEVON TWO, CORNWALL ONE
AND FRIENDLIES**

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minutes and seldom looked back as they complied a 20-5 interval lead. Former Newton Abbot wing Jason Wescott went on to complete a hat-trick.

Lepoideven dotted down a try in the first half for Services, who were awarded a penalty try after the interval when Torquay collapsed an attempted push-over. Kris Luckett converted.

DEVON TWO
Rockfort...23 North Tawton...0

ROCKFORT made no mistake in the re-run of this game which was abandoned two weeks ago, with Rockfort 7-0 up, when Plymouth referee Howard Coffey sustained an injury. North looked more sprightly this time, and although trailing by 23 points, they tested table-toppers Rockfort.

North's answer to a Rockfort drive five minutes in was to collapse the scrum and a penalty try was given, Scott Witt converting.

Witt added two penalties before prop Ian Weaving slipped over in the corner on the stroke of half-time for an 18-point interval lead.

North made a repeat performance for the second half, giving away a second penalty try.

Having charged down the conversion, the visitors fought back and had few scoring chances but were denied by some outstanding defence from full-back Sandy Sanderson.

CORNWALL ONE
St Austell...45 Saltash...6

SALTASH arrived at Tregorrick Lane for their clash with champions elect St Austell with a team missing seven of its regulars.

The away side never really got into their stride and St Austell were 8-0 up after 15 minutes through a penalty from full-back Venner and a try from centre Earp.

Saltash were weakened further when they lost scrum-half Thomson, and prop Rob Eatwell came on in Thomson's position in an attempt to get the forwards going in the right direction.

Saltash enjoyed a good spell of play in the 20 minutes before half-time, and came away with two Simon Watson penalties to close the gap to



ON THE MOVE: OPMs full-back Paul Gregg shrugs off a tackle and anticipates his next challenge

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8-6 to St Austell at the break. In the second-half, St Austell stepped up several gears and their strong running backs exposed poor Saltash defence out wide as they managed to run in five second-half tries.

Prop Varco, who drove over from quick ruck ball after 56 minutes, began the series of scores, before fly-half Matea finished a good move.

Earp grabbed a second and wing Newman scored the last, displaying great pace.

Full-back Ian Venner finished with a 20-point tally and centre Julian Oakes was sin-binned.

Saltash spokesman Nick Rich said: "We were stunned by the strength in all areas of the home side, not least out wide, where all but one of their tries came. There were few plusses, and one was full-back Rupert Allen who never gave up."

FRIENDLIES

Liskeard Looe II...26 DHSOB Wizards...12
IT was nip and tuck until the second half when Liskeard-Looe pulled away.

The Old Boys' tries came from centre Keith Hodgins and prop Nick Kinsman, with fly-half Neil Hocking kicking a conversion.

The Muttons, winger Paddy and fly-half Phil, took a try apiece for Liskeard-Looe, along with prop Tim Pound and scrum-half Lewis Elliot, with Bob Bettison slotting three conversions.

DHSOB Warlocks...17 OPMs III...17

AN evenly matched game at Millbridge ended with honours shared.

DHS borrowed Ross Moore from OPMs and the back promptly scored, as did prop Ignatius

Oberholzer and centre Jeff Ince. OPMs' points came from Ryan Tunnicliffe, who converted his own try, Jason Evens and Sean McCarter.

St Columba...41 Lankelly Fowey...0

GOOD forward play helped St Columba to an easy win over Cornwall Two side Lankelly Fowey, with flanker John Peters and centre Matt Teague making debuts for the Saints.

Saints scored tries through prop Mike Grieve, flanker John Dowling, Teague, replacement Simon Middleton, Damien Chambers and number eight Sean Austin, with fly-half Craig Walters kicking four conversions and a penalty.

Plymouth Argaum...12 Bodmin III...13

A TRY 10 minutes from time by second row Barry Keen gave Bodmin Thirds a win over Devon Two basement side Plymouth Argaum at Roborough.

Argaum had led from the off and dominated for long periods, with flankers Matt Blakestone and player-coach Stuart Quartermain scoring tries and Darren Wills potting a conversion.

Bodmin full-back Mick McGovan kicked two penalties and converted Keen's late score.

Plympton Victoria...39 OPO II...5

PLYMPTON ran out comfortable 39-5 winners in a game in which they fielded their veteran back row of Doc Livingstone, Espin and Alan Wright, aged 44, 47 and 48 respectively.

They scored tries through flanker Dave Espin, full-back Lee Ainsley, Alan Wright, scrum-half Neil Wright and prop Chris Roud (2), with Stretch King kicking three conversions and a penalty.