

## Hunslet start and finish for Town in 2021

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Workington Town will open their League One season on May 9 &ndash; over a month after the Championship is due to start.

Chris Thorman&rsquo;s side will tackle Hunslet, who were the 100% leaders after the so-short 2020 season was brought to a premature end.

Like everything else over the last 12 months, the League One kick-off will be dependent on the Covid-19 situation but a May start gives the competition every chance of starting as scheduled.

The first game at Derwent Park will be the following week when London make the long trip north and that&rsquo;s followed by a trip to North Wales on May 23. The month ends on May 30 with the second home game, this time against Doncaster.

Everyone expects Cumbrian rivals Town and Barrow to be strong contenders for top spot in League One, so the derby matches will be crucial. Barrow stage the first one on June 27 with the return at Derwent Park on August 1.

The scheduled League One season finishes on September 12 and that could be a huge game as Hunslet are the visitors to Derwent Park.

Because of restrictions, and the possibility of matches behind closed doors, there won&rsquo;t be an early chance of Town getting to grips with local rivals Whitehaven in the traditional Ike Southward Memorial Trophy.

In keeping with everything else at the moment, officials of both clubs will keep an eye on the Covid situation with possible dates sorted when Haven are not involved in Challenge Cup action, or as an end-of-season clash if the RFL allow.

One fact is unavoidable, though &ndash; no crowds, no game!