

Bournemouth RFC

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Season 2009/2010

The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship

National 3 South-West

Exmouth v Bournemouth Lions

Saturday 19 December 2009, KO 2.15 p.m. at The Imperial Recreation Ground.

Result: Exmouth 13/2tp v 10/tcp Bournemouth. **Half-time:** 0 v 7/tc.

Referee: Brian Barclays, Devon.

Touch Judge: Steve Buffery; Bournemouth.

Bournemouth Team: 15: Karim Lynch; 14: Ramon Mallette; 13: 'Eddie' Edwards; 12: James Payne; 11: Tom Blackburn; 10: 'Puks' Ngapaku (Simon McFarlane/cp 18); 9: Scott Chislett; 1: Riad Lynch (Tim Wareham 59); 2: Frazer Wilford ('blood' Tim Wareham 25); 3: Alan Manning (c); 4: Tim Seward; 5: Will Brooks; 6: Chris Hughes; 7: Harry Stevenson; 8: Matt Kiely/t ('blood' Peter Armstrong 18).

Debut: Ramon Mallette

Coaches: David Dunn and Junior Paramore.

Sports Therapist: Elle Lemprière.

Scorers: Tries 1: Matt Kiely (33), Conversions 1: Simon McFarlane (33). Penalties 1: Simon McFarlane (64)

Milestones: Matt Kiely scores his 100th point (20 tries) in the league.

Exmouth Team: 15: Andrew Powell; 14: Tom Elliott; 13: Paul Morgan/t; 12: Mark Wathes; Jack Downie/t; 10: Shaun Fayter; 9: Matt Ryan; 1: Shane Cooper; 2: Adam Hooper; 3: Jack Andrew; 4: James Finnegan; 5: Jack Westlake; 6: Tony Emmins; 7: Ben Boswell; 8: Dave Ewers. **Substitutes:** Dan Manns; Andrew Smith; Rich Cadywould/p.

Scoring Sequence: 33m: 7-0 Kiely/8/t, McFarlane/R10/c; 40m: Half-time 7/tc-0; 41m: 7-5 Downie/11; 64m: 10-5 McFarlane/R10/p; 67m: 10-8 Cadywould/R10/p; 79m: 10-13 Morgan/13/t; 80m: 10-13 Full Time.

League Points: Bournemouth 1 (Losing bonus point), Barnstaple 4.

League Positions: Bournemouth go from 7th to 6th. Barnstaple remain 9th.

Weather: Fine and sunny with virtually no wind.

Ground: After freezing overnight the kick-off was delayed fifteen minutes to allow the players while warming up to 'work' the pitch. The middle third particularly was still frozen and there was much debate as to whether the game should be called off.

Kick-off: Exmouth kicked-off from right to left as viewed from the stand and to his left.

After much pressure, particularly from a fine forward effort, in the second half and a 'winning' try disallowed when the referee adjudged it to be held up' it was very disappointing to see a missed penalty kick 'run' back, an unlucky bounce of a ball evade full-back Karim Lynch, for centre Paul Morgan to gather to score a 'last gasp' try and win the match for the 'Cockles'.

With Bournemouth's resources being fully stretched Ramon Mallette made his debut on the right wing and Tom Blackburn just back from uni was pressed into service on the other wing. It didn't help to 'lose' fly-half 'Puks' Ngapaku with a calf injury when he slipped on the uncertain surface with less than twenty minutes gone. The selectors were grateful that lock Will Brooks was again available after lasting just twenty or so minutes in his debut against Weston super Mare game in late October. This released Chris Hughes to take over from Peter Armstrong on the blindside. Captain Alan Manning was making his first start since being injured against Taunton in early October.

Bournemouth had much of the play but Exmouth were very dangerous when the ball went wide as illustrated just a minute into the second half when left wing Jack Downie 'danced' his way through the Bournemouth defence to score. Bournemouth were grateful that an 'easy' conversion attempt was

fluffed for them to retain their lead. This came courtesy of an outrageous 'dummy' from centre, sorry No 8, Matt Kiely who appeared midfield and galloped through the great hole he had created for himself to open the scoring late in the first half. However, despite that lapse early in the half, it was mainly Bournemouth in that second period but they couldn't breakdown a determined defence which eventually led to that fateful score so very late!