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Season 2009/2010

The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship – National 3 South-West

Bournemouth Lions v Exmouth

Saturday 19 September 2009, KO 3.00 p.m. at Chapel Gate.

Result: Bournemouth 20/2t2c2p v 20/3tcp Exmouth. Half-time: 17/2t2cp v 3/p

Referee: Bob McCrudden; Gloucestershire.

Touch Judges: Steve Buffery; Bournemouth, Roger Holman; Exmouth.

Referee Advisor: Jim Firth; Hampshire.

Bournemouth Team: 15: Mike Pope (Domenick Davies 55); 14: Ben Wainimala (Mike Pope 55); 13: Ben Stewart; 12: Scott Chislett/t; 11: Rory Hearson; 10: 'Puks' Ngapaku/2c2p; 9: Craig Barter (Ryan Maidment 52); 1: Tim Wareham (Riad Lynch 52); 2: Frazer Wilford; 3: Alan Manning (c); 4: Tim Seward; 5: Callum Forrest; 6: Matt Kiely/t; 7: Iain Crombie ('Blood' 64); 8: Chris Hughes.

Debut: Ryan Maidment. Full League Debut: Ben Wainimala.

Milestone: Scott Chislett plays in his 100th game for the 1st XV.

Coaches: David Dunn, Junior Paramore, Robert Todd.

Sports Therapist: Elle Lemprère

Scorers: Tries 2: Kiely 1 (11), Chislett 1 (29). Conversions 2: Ngapaku 2 (11 29).

Penalties 2: Ngapaku 2 (2 60).

Scoring Sequence: 2m: 3-0 Ngapaku/10/p; 11m: 10-0 Kiely/6/t, Ngapaku/10/c; 29m: 17-0 Chislett/12/t, Ngapaku/10/c; 31m: 17-3 Cadywould/15/p; 40m: Half-time 17-3; 52m: 17-8 Wathes/12/t; 67m: Morgan/R14/t; 75m: Downie/11/t, Cadywould/15/c; 80m: Full Time 17-10.

League Points: Two each for a draw. No bonus points.

Exmouth Team: 15: Richard Cadywould/cp; 14: Matt Ryan (Paul Morgan/t 52); 13: Jordan Kelly; Mark Wathes/t; 11: Jack Downie/t; 10: Andrew Powell; 9: Garry Hooper (c); 1: Shane Cooper; 2: Adam Hooper; 3: Dan Manns (Jack Andrew 52); 4: Andrew Smith; 5: James Finnegan; 6: Ashley Stevens; 7: Ben Boswell (Lee Loveridge 48); 8: Dave Ewers.

Bournemouth got off to an excellent start when fly-half 'Puks' Ngapaku kicked a penalty from precisely the point from where he was practising on Thursday night—just outside the 10-metre line to put his side 3-0 up after just two minutes. Nonetheless, the visitors showed what a better side they have become and pressurized Bournemouth through both their strong pack of forwards and lively set of backs marshalled by fly-half Andrew Powell and Bournemouth's defence was severely tested. However it was Bournemouth who scored next following a strong run by left wing Rory Hearson who was almost in himself but it gave field position for Matt Kiely to be driven over just wide of the left post. Ngapaku added the two points and Bournemouth found themselves in the rather unlikely position of being ten points to nil after eleven minutes. With Exmouth continuing to threaten the pressure told with the referee having a quiet word about infringing. They were doubly

fortunate when from the resulting 5-metre line-out, Exmouth were penalized and Ngapaku was able to clear the lines. It was from a long way out that Bournemouth conjured up the next score when full-back Mike Pope fielded an Exmouth clearance kick. He evaded the first tackler and then broke through a number of players to set off for the line. Just short of the line the covering tackler got to him but he looped the ball back inside to inside-centre Scott Chislett who ran round to under the post to round off a terrific passage of play. Ngapaku made no mistake and Bournemouth were 17-nil up with half-an-hour gone. Then as last week they almost immediately conceded a penalty to the boot of full-back Richard Cadywould which, slim though it seems, gives the opposition that glimmer of hope. However the score remained the same until half time.

Warning bells began to sound early in the second half when inside-centre Mark Wathes seemed to have been given too much room as Exmouth quickly pushed it left and sure enough he crashed over wide of the left posts. Cadywould missed the conversion but the difference had further narrowed at 17-8. With a quarter of the game left Ngapaku settled the nerves a little by kicking his second penalty but the game descended into farce about front replacements with nobody certain about the law with the result that the game went to uncontested scrums. With possession guaranteed and under no effective pressure the Exmouth back row were able to exploit the situation and that freedom led to two further Exmouth scores. To add insult to injury Bournemouth would claim that the first try of the two was not grounded fairly with it being awarded while the ball was firmly clasped to the chest of the defender. There was further controversy when after Exmouth had drawn level, Bournemouth were driving the ball over the Exmouth line the referee blew, for a reason that was not obvious from the sideline as the maul was still moving, for an Exmouth put in. They of course won the ball and cleared. It proved to be the last opportunity to score and Bournemouth were left to rue a wasted opportunity.