

Bournemouth RFC

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Season 2009/2010

The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship

National 3 South-West

Bournemouth Lions v Old Patesians

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Saturday 7 November 2009, KO 2.30 p.m. at Chapel Gate.

Result: Bournemouth 14/t3p v13/tc2p. **Half-time:** 3/p v 0.

Referee: Rob Tahuri; South-East Group.

Touch Judges: Steve Buffery; Bournemouth. Steve Cohen; Old Patesians.

Bournemouth Team: 15: Karim Warde; 14: James Payne; 13: 'Eddie' Edwards; 12: Robert Bruce; 11: Anthony Dunkerley (Ryan Maidment 19); 10: Domenick Davies/t; 9: Scott Chislett/3p; 1: Riad Lynch (Jo Burns 60); 2: Frazer Wilford (c); 3: Tim Wareham; 4: Tim Seward; 5: Callum Forrest; 6: Damian Le Roux; 7: Iain Crombie (Harry Stevenson 46); 8: Tomas Ford.

Sponsors' Man of the Match: Scott Chislett.

Coaches: David Dunn, Junior Paramore.

Sports Therapist: Elle Lemprière.

Scorers: Tries 1: Davies/10/ 52. Penalties 3: Chislett/9/ 4 69 78.

Milestones: In all games, Robert Bruce plays in his 100th game for the 1st XV and Iain Crombie starts his 50th game.

Old Patesians Team: 15: Stu Taylor; 14: Chris Howell; 13: Steve Bryant; 12: Ben Davies; 11: James Hayden; 10: Adam Seager (c)/c2p; 9: Nellie Webber/t; 1: John Parker; 2: Matt Deacon; 3: Simon Brown; 4: Gethin Evans; 5: Rob Fidler; 6: Brett Harvey; 7: Giles Potter; 8: James Pettigrew.

Substitutes: Matt Jones, Jake Kitson, Darren Moore.

Yellow Cards: James Pettigrew/8/ 68, Gethin Evans/4/ 73.

Old Patesians Scorers: Tries 1: Webber/9/ 61. Conversions 1: Seager/10/ 61.

Penalties 2: Seager/10/ 48 65.

Scoring Sequence: 4m: 3-0 Chislett/9/p; 40m: Half-time 3/p-0; 48m: 3-3 Seager/10/p; 52m: 8-3 Davies/10/t; 61m: 8-8 Webber/9/t, 8-10 Seager/10/c; 65m: 8-13 Seager/10/p; 69m: 11-13 Chislett/9/p; 78m: 14-13 Chislett/9/p; 80m: Full Time 14/t3p-13/tc2p.

League Points: Bournemouth 4 (Four for the win), Old Patesians 1 (One losing-bonus point).

League Positions: Bournemouth go from 7th to 6th. Old Patesians remain 2nd.

Weather: A bright if cool sunny day with something of a Westerley breeze.

Ground: Damp underfoot after the recent rain with a good covering of grass.

Kick-off: Bournemouth (Domenick Davies) kicked-off from left to right as viewed from the stand, i.e. with the wind, and to the left.

Dom Davies, playing at fly-half for the first time in his Bournemouth career, kicked left and Old Patesians formed a strong ruck to secure the ball before releasing it for fly-half Adam Seager kicked up the right touchline. He failed to find touch and it was fielded by No-8 Tomas Ford who found scrum-half Scott Chislett inside him. The stand-in scrum-half kicked deep into the OPs's 22-metre where it was marked. A long clearance kick found touch on the right and Bournemouth had the throw-in on the half-way line. Davies kicked deep where it was returned to be fielded by left-wing Anthony Dunkerley who also kicked which threatened to 'go long' for OPs to touch down as the ball bobbed near the dead-ball line. From the drop out, full back Karim Warde fielded the ball and 'chipped' the defence. Inside-centre Robert Bruce had a strong run at the defence and when he went to ground OPs were penalized for not rolling away and Chislett had the first of his chances to kick at goal. A very lively start by Bournemouth

was rewarded with a well-struck goal giving the home side a 3-nil lead after just four minutes with Chislett's first ever penalty for the 1st XV.

Bournemouth knocked on at the restart which gave the advantage to OPs and they attacked right and were rewarded with another scrum just outside the Bournemouth 22-metre line when they were pulled back after not gaining sufficient advantage from an earlier Bournemouth infringement. However Chislett, showing typical strength, snaffled the ball at the base of the scrum and broke free. He was supported by Warde and with OPs scrambling back in defence managed to force right-wing James Payne into touch on the half-way line. Bournemouth were penalized for being offside at the line-out and Seager found touch to his left inside the Bournemouth 22-metre line. OPs drove off the line-out and threatened to go all the way by knocked the ball on for a Bournemouth scrum. Chislett cleared the ball right for another OPs line-out on the half-way line. OPs's threes attacked to the right and a chip was fielded by Warde who kicked long. So long in fact, OPs were forced to touch down for another drop out. Davies fielded the ball and put Warde clear going left. He linked with 'Eddie' Edwards and the outside-centre shot through a gap and drawing the last man he passed left to left-wing Anthony Dunkerley but, with the line at his mercy, he couldn't hold on to the ball and a gold-plated scoring opportunity went a begging for an OPs scrum. Could we afford to give up such chances against the unbeaten visitors? Nonetheless, it had been a very promising start by the makeshift Bournemouth side with a lively attack and solid defence who were simply not allowing the visitors to play. Bournemouth managed to get the ball back and an increasingly confident Davies who despite his inexperience in this position nonetheless orchestrated any number of miss-moves looking to breach the OPs defence this time had the time to chip the defence. It didn't quite work but Bournemouth managed to knock the awkward bouncing ball back only for OPs to recover it. However their clearance kick was charged down and Bournemouth almost were through. However they had a 5-metre scrum but managed to lose it for OPs to clear. Failing to find touch, Warde was on hand to field the ball and going left took the ball into contact for OPs to be penalized inside their own 22-metre line. Chislett had a good opportunity to double the lead but pushed his effort right of the post.

Bournemouth maintained the pressure on the visitors and, from the drop-out, won a line-out down the left on the OPs 5-metre line. The ball was thrown long but not to hand and OPs had a scrum. Bournemouth had a good shove but OPs got the ball away to midfield where a kick was half charged down. Bournemouth, nonetheless, retained possession and went left. They got it wide, looking very dangerous, but knocked the ball on for an OPs scrum just ten metres out. OPs cleared only for Warde to run it back. In the contact, the supporting Dunkerley was hurt and after a long stoppage he was forced to retire with, what turned out to be, a cracked rib to be replaced by Ryan Maidment. To add insult to injury Bournemouth had been penalized and OPs found touch on their right. Inside-centre Robert Bruce was typically robust in the midfield defence but, with referee Rob Tahuri playing advantage, OPs swung the point of attack right. They made deep inroads into Bournemouth



Scott Chislett kicks for goal Photo by Denis Murphy



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territory but a very poor pass enable Bournemouth to escape with the throw-in on their 22-metre line. The line-out was very untidy and OPs turned the ball over to maintain their advantage with a scrum. Again it was Chislett scragged the OPs No-8 James Pettigrew at the back of the scrum and Bournemouth were given the put in at a scrum when Bournemouth were unable to gain sufficient advantage. OPs continued to exert the pressure with this rare excursion into Bournemouth half when they half charged a Davies clearance kick but the home side did enough to win the put in at a scrum. This time No-8 Tomas Ford broke off the back and won a penalty which Chislett kicked to the left-hand touch on the half-way line. Chislett fed Davies who promptly kicked into the OPs 22-metre area where the ball was marked and they found touch back where the move started. This time however OPs stole the ball and set up a dangerous three-quarter attack going left and it was only just stopped by a determined and alert Bournemouth defence for a Bournemouth put-in at a scrum just outside their own 22-metre. Chislett kicked long from the base of the scrum given the room by a Ford through-the-legs back flip and the OPs full-back Stu Taylor did very well to gather an awkwardly flighted ball but was snaffled by the chasers. Bournemouth won the ball back but kicked straight out as they tried to exploit the gain widown the short side. From the line-out on the half-way line Bournemouth stopped the drive and won a scrum. Chislett broke left but Bruce knocked the ball on in the contact for an OPs scrum in the mid-field. Pettigrew with a typical strong run off the back broke right but was well stopped by Bruce and with Maidment coming off his wing to act as scrum-half at the break down no advantage came as a scrum was awarded to OPs. Nellie Webber, the OPs scrum-half, made a terrific break from the base of the scrum. When he was stopped, the attack probed left for Bournemouth to win a penalty. Chislett promptly deposited the ball in left-hand touch on the OPs 22-metre line.

Lock Tim Seward won the throw-in for Davies to chip back towards that same touch line for OPs to clear to back their 22-metre line for another Bournemouth throw. The forwards drove the ball before it was released right for Bruce and Warde to test the OPs defence. OPs managed to turn the ball over but thier clearance kick was gathered by Payne who promptly passed the ball back inside to Warde. He took the ball into contact and was rewarded with a penalty when OPs defended illegally on their 22-metre line. Chislett again was not able to capitalize when he pulled his kick across the face of the goal for another chance to go a begging.

Blindside-flanker Damian Le Roux tidied up from the drop out and went right to be the focus of a Bournemouth drive but OPs turned the ball over and countered themselves by attacking right. Bournemouth were driven further back when Seager found touch following Bournemouth being penalized for being off their feet. OPs continued the momentum with first a forward drive and when the attack was continued through the three-quarters Bournemouth were again penalized, this time for not rolling away, and Seager found touch to his left just ten metres out from the Bournemouth line. When a drive down the short side was stopped and Webber had a go but was driven back and Bournemouth won a scrum on their 5-metre line as a result of a knock-on. After Le Roux had had some attention, Chislett put the ball in but OPs were penalized and the scrum-half kicked left. He didn't find touch and OPs came again down their right. Chislett took a quick penalty when OPs were penalized and he made it all the way to the OPs 22-metre line with a thrilling break looking all the while for some support. It obviously didn't arrive in time and OPs won a penalty. They failed to find touch and Le Roux punished the error by running the ball back at them to set up another drive as before. Bournemouth enjoyed a good passage of play as they retained possession and looked to breach the OPs defence. They were awarded with an attacking scrum on the OPs 22-metre line but Ford struggled to control the ball at the back as OPs applied the pressure through their flanker. Chislett in trying to recover the situation drove him back but OPs had won the scrum. OPs came left through their threes and they seemed to have broken through but a desperate tap-tackle did just enough to bring the flying left-wing James Hayden down to bring an exciting half to a close but with Bournemouth only leading 3-nil despite having so much of the play.

OPs kicked left to start the second half and Seward did well to secure the ball but Chislett kicked the ball straight out for an OPs line-out. Bournemouth recovered the situation by knicking the ball and Warde

coming into the line did well to take play to the half-way line. Chislett again made a break from the maul and hared off for the line. He chipped the last defender and in a desperate race for the ball with 'Eddie' Edwards in support OPs knocked the ball on right under the posts as Chislett tried get the ball to his fellow back. Referee had a long chat to Ben Davies the OPs inside-centre with captain Seager in attendance. Whatever it was a Bournemouth 5-metre scrum and another excellent scoring chance went a begging. Ford broke off the back and was forced right but as the ball was worked further right OPs managed to knock the ball down fror a Bournemouth scrum. OPs won that against the 'head' and cleared right for a Bournemouth line-out on the OPs 10-metre line. Despite openside-flanker Iain Crombie at the back of the line-out securing the ball initially it was lost for an OPs scrum. Seager kicked left for Payne to field and to kick the ball back but Bournemouth were penalized at the contact and on top of that Crombie was hurt and was forced to give way to be replaced by Harry Stevenson. From inside the Bournemouth 10-metre line, Seager scored an excellent goal to tie the scores up at 3-all just eight minutes into the new half.



Domenick Davies scores

Photo by Denis Murphy

OPs returned the restart with a kick left where Warde fielded it to kick long into the OPs 22-metre area where it was 'marked' and kicked left back to outside the Bournemouth 10-metre line. Bournemouth contrived to lose the throw-in and OPs attacked going right but threw a forward pass for a Bournemouth scrum in midfield outside their own 10-metre line. Ford broke off the back going right supported by Chislett who fed Davies. The fly-half kicked and OPs won it back but as they set to counter, Davies read the situation well and stepped in to intercept the ball and ran half the length of the field to dive triumphantly over to score just left

of the posts. To groans from the crowd, Chislett again missed an eminently kickable goal by pulling the ball to the left of the near post to retake the lead at 8-3 twelve minutes into the half.

OPs set a dangerous three-quarter attack going left and it was only a timely interception by Payne that saved any further damage. He showed typical strength in holding on to the ball to set up a Bournemouth drive for Bournemouth to be given the put-in outside their 10-metre line. Bournemouth rather mess iut up at the back but nonetheless managed to gain a line-out. With Seward again securing the ball Bournemouth drive it before releasing it left only to lose it in midfield for OPs to counter going the same way and Bournemouth did very well to shut off the threat. They managed to turn the ball over and a chip over the top was chased down by loosehead prop Riad Lynch who put the ball catcher flat on his back with a well-timed robust tackle. Nonetheless they managed to get the ball first to their left and retaining the ball came back right and almost got in in the corner when the ball carrier was tackled into the corner flag for a Bournemouth 5-metre line-out. OPs kept up the pressure by winning the ball back and a chip into the dead-ball area wide out to the left was touched down by Davies who rushed to take the drop-out hoping to catch a thin defence over on his side unawares. That little plan went a little astray when he kicked the ball out on the full and OPs had a line-out on Bournemouth's 22-metre line. With OPs having their best period of play they were not going to give up this opportunity and a strong three-quarter attack was rounded off



Nellie Webber scores for OPs

Photo by Denis Murphy

by Webber diving over in the right-hand corner. Seager added to Bournemouth's discomfiture by adding the two points with a well-struck kick from wide out for the visitors to lead for the first time at 10-8 half-way through the second half. Were Bournemouth to rue all those missed chances?

Chislett restarted by kicking left where OPs managed to kick to touch despite the Bournemouth chasers. From the line-out Bournemouth went right to set up a drive midfield before the ball came back left where Maidment did well to take the ball under considerable pressure from the OPs defence. He, however, was forced to give it up and OPs kicked the ball down field to Warde who kicked. Bournemouth didn't retreat from the offside position and OPs were given a penalty which they kicked to the right. Davies fielded the ball cleanly before setting off but had put a foot in touch for an OPs line-out. Excellent Bournemouth midfield defence in the shape of Bruce and Edwards stalled a dangerous OPs attack and Warde was able to clear right. From the line-out on the Bournemouth 22-metre line Chislett managed to intercept but Bournemouth were penalized at the point of contact. Seager failed to find touch where Maidment supported by Le Roux fielded the ball. However OPs were there in numbers and won the ball back to attack going left. Bournemouth were penalized and a quickly taken penalty kept the Bournemouth defence under pressure resulting in the desperate measure of a deliberate knock-on which Seager duly punished by kicking a goal from some 25 metres out and to the left of the posts. OPs had increased their advantage to 13-6 with quarter of an hour to go. What a match! With Bournemouth exceeding all expectations, at least of the more faint hearted of us in the crowd, they refused to believe the cause was lost. With the two coaches seeking to encourage their protégés by reminding them it was still only one score the excitement continued to mount as the match entered the last frantic stages.

OPs kicked the ball back after the restart and Warde fed Maidment in a tight situation on his wing where the gutsy youngster tried to weave his way through which OPs stopped illegally and Chislett found touch on the half-way line in front of the stand. Bournemouth attacked left and OPs were again penalized for Chislett again to press them back by finding touch to his right but this time on the OPs 22-metre line. Seward again won the ball but as Bournemouth came back left they lost the ball midfield only for referee Tuhari to penalize the defending side. He also had a chat to Pettigrew in the company of his captain Seager and dismissed the former for ten minutes to reflect on his misdemeanours. Now Mr Chislett how about this opportunity to reduce the lead? No problem! His kick, from outside the 22-metre line, to relief of all of the Bournemouth supporters was straight and true and the two touch judges were there confirming the successful kick. 11-13 with just over ten minutes to go!

By this time play was deep into stoppage time as there had been a number of injuries that needed attention. The play also reflected the tenseness of the situation. It was frantic. With Bournemouth throwing everything at OPs and the visitors defending desperately. From the restart Chislett banged the ball to his right for an OPs line-out on the half-way line. Perhaps reflecting a touch of nerves Seager's kick, on receiving the ball from Webber, was sliced and simply went straight up in the air as he sought to put it further down field. The ball was then knocked on as OPs tried to regather for a Bournemouth scrum. Warde made a half break as he came into the line and he managed to get the ball right where again OPs were penalized and again a player was shown a yellow card, this time lock Gethin Evans, and again Chislett found touch but this time only ten metres out to his right. With the crowd getting increasingly excited Bournemouth initially drove before releasing the ball left. In the face of a defence that refused to yield, Bournemouth tried to the right where they gave the ball in a turn over for OPs to kick down field to Payne. He fed the ball back inside to Edwards but he couldn't find a way through and OPs won a penalty for Seager to further relieve the pressure by finding touch on his 10-metre line and to his right. From the line-out OPs kicked down the same touch to Maidment supported by Warde who kicked. OPs countered with ball in hand going left and win a scrum. With time evidently running out it seemed that the ball going dead the next time will signal the end of the match. However, although Bournemouth disrupt the OPs scrum they retain the ball and Webber kicks down field. The ball is still 'alive'! Warde fields it and goes left to set up a great Bournemouth break. Despite OPs efforts, Bournemouth hold on to the ball and switch

the point of attack to the right. Then just outside OPs 22-metre the visitors concede yet another penalty. Cometh the hour, cometh the man! Chislett held his nerve and to a great roar from the crowd there were the two touch judges with flags aloft signalling a goal. An unbelievable 14-13. Well done everyone! Wait a minute and do you know how long a minute is such circumstances? Referee Tuhari did not blow for no side but there was OPs restarting the game. How much longer? After that interminable minute or so the whistle went for some infringement but who cares. Bournemouth's arms were aloft signalling their delight at having seemingly done the impossible by recording one of their best wins ever. And the crowd went wild!

With three players crying off with flu after selection on Thursday night plus a number of consequent positional changes, the programme editor's work was largely nullified. Leading points score Mike Pope was replaced at fly-half by full-back Domenick Davies. Karim Warde took his place and 'Eddie' Edwards was recalled to the first XV for the first time since late March when he went down with a ankle injury against Bracknell. Chris Hughes who was returning after a seven-week absence was replaced at lock by Callum Forrest. Callum's place on the bench was taken by Harry Stevenson. Leading try-scorer Rory Hearson on the right wing was replaced by James Payne, making his first appearance for the 1st XV this season, who swapped from the left wing. Anthony Dunkerley was moved from blindside flanker to the vacant left wing and his place on the flank was taken by Damian Le Roux. Otherwise it was as per programme!! But what a performance this team produced! In a thrilling match Bournemouth refused to allow the all-conquering visitors to settle and despite going behind half-way through the second half they had enough resolve and determination to give stand-in scrum-half Scott Chislett a chance to make amends for a couple of earlier lapses to slot over a crucial penalty from outside the 22-metre line to give his side an unlikely but well merited victory. It really was terrific stuff.