

Bournemouth RFC

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Season 2009/2010

The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship

National 3 South-West

Chippenham v Bournemouth Lions

Saturday 5 December 2009, KO 2.30 p.m. at Allington Fields.

Result: Chippenham 0 v Bournemouth 38/6t4c. **Half-time:** 0-14/2t2c.

Referee: Max Marsden, London.

Touch Judges: Steve Buffery; Bournemouth. Andy Fielding, Chippenham.

Bournemouth Team: 15: Karim Lynch; 14: Rory Hearson; 13: James Payne; 12: Robert Bruce; 11: Mike Pope/t4c; 10: Domenick Davies ('Puks' Ngapaku 60); 9: Scott Chislett/2t; 1: Jo Burns (Riad Lynch 64); 2: Frazer Wilford (c); 3: Tim Wareham; 4: Tim Seward; 5: Chris Hughes; 6: Peter Armstrong; 7: Harry Stevenson (Neil Stanton-Ketchley 69); 8: Matt Kiely/3t.

Coaches: David Dunn, Robert Todd.

Sports Therapist: Elle Lemprière.

Scorers: Tries 6: Chislett 2 (18 73), Kiely 3 (28 48 52) Pope 66. Conversions 4: Pope (18 28 52 73).

Milestones: Tim Wareham plays in his fiftieth match in the league. Matt Kiely scores his first hat-trick for Bournemouth and is the first of the season. Mike Pope passes 100 points (105) in all matches this season.

Chippenham Team: 15: Mark Warburton; 14: Ryan Surry; 13: Jonathon Squire; 12: Dom Riccio; 11: Dave Slee; 10: Chris Crome; 9: Hentie Martens; 1: Luke Staples Preston; 2: James Down; 3: Graham Treen; 4: Adrian Price; 5: John Boddington; 6: Kris Meacham; 7: Bobby Lyons; 8: John Turner.

Substitutes: Charlie Newman, Aaron Clark, A N Other.

Yellow Card: Hentie Martens/9/ 47m.

Scoring Sequence: 18m: 7-0 Chislett/9/t, Pope/11/c; 28m: Kiely/8/t, Pope/11/c; 40m: Half-time 14/2t2c-0; 48m: 19-0 Kiley/8/t; 52m: 26-0 Kiely/8/t, Pope/11/c; 66m: 31-0 Pope/11/t; 73m: 38-0 Chislett/9/t, Pope/11/c.

League Points: Bournemouth 5 (Four for the win plus one try-scoring bonus point), Chippenham 0.

League Positions: Bournemouth move from 6th to 5th. Chippenham drop from 11th to 12th.

Weather: Persistent, at times heavy, rain throughout the match. A very gloomy and miserable day.

Ground: Very wet underfoot after the almost constant wet weather but the pitch held up well in the very difficult circumstances.

Kick-off: Chippenham (Chris Crome) kicked-off from right to left as viewed from the clubhouse and to his left.

During the first quarter, Chippenham were a constant threat and were prepared to move the ball wide despite the conditions but Bournemouth, dare I say weathered, those initial squalls and one could say against the run of play scored. Rory Hearson was given some space and the winger almost got in the corner but was stooped just short but hooker Frazer Wilford was on hand to pop the ball up to the ever-present Scott Chislett who dived over to score wide out on the right. Mike Pope stepped up and kicked a very fine goal. With Bournemouth now beginning to control the game, making very few mistakes, it was Welsh dragon Matt Kiely who was able to capitalize, on what was to prove an outstanding game for the forwards, by controlling the ball at his feet as his fellow cohorts inexorably pushed their opposite numbers back at a 5-metre scrum for him to 'spot' the ball with half an hour gone. The one concern for Bournemouth was the number of times they were penalized at the breakdown which got 'sorted' at the half-time huddle.

Early in the second half Kiely eschewed the support of his fellow forwards when he found himself out

wide among the threes and he wasn't going to be stopped as he barged his way over to register his second score. Pope pulled his effort badly wide of the near post but Bournemouth were three-quarters of the way to a bonus point and Kiely was checking his pockets to see if he had enough money for the beer he might have to buy. He obviously found enough when a repeat of the textbook scrummaging seen earlier saw the No 8 score his first hat-trick for the club. From a similar position Pope this time made a much better fist of the kick and his side were 26-nil up just over ten minutes in the half and a bonus point safely secured. With Bournemouth continuing to dominate play and refusing Chippenham any freedom it was some slick passing that gave Pope enough space to exploit his pace and the mercurial winger was through before a hand could be laid on him. He rather spoiled things by not converting his own try. However there was more to come. 'Puks' Ngapaku on for fly-half Domenick Davies and playing his first match since the Redingensians game back in early October just managed to field a Chippenham clearance kick by sliding down on his knees. Then hearing the call from Chislett he popped the ball up into the charging scrum-half's hand and this strong runner was through, again before anyone could lay a hand on him, to round off an outstanding personal game by scoring out on the left. Pope added the two points with another fine kick. Despite this battering, with the very lively full-back Mark Warburton playing his first game for a while showing great enterprise and skill prompting, Chippenham continued to take the game to Bournemouth and much of the play in the last ten or fifteen minutes was in the visitor's half but couldn't find a way through a very mean defence.

In conditions that do not suit Bournemouth, the forwards, with Tim Seward, especially, giving an exemplary display of line-out catching coupled with the energy to be every where on the park, was the platform for this win. Their two drive-over tries were a great reward for all the hard work they put in and they created more than enough for the threes to make their own considerable contribution. It was a performance to lighten up the darkest and gloomiest of winter days as were the smiles on Bournemouth supporters' faces in the bar afterwards.