

'Jamaican – Rhodesian Combo Lead Swans on Merry Dance'

Bournemouth 4's 38 – Swanage & Wareham 4's 34

North Dorset 3rds were today awarded a home walkover as a mixture of 2nds and 3rds inadvertently found themselves at Chapel Gate to face a Bournemouth 4ths that were not there for the taking.

The Bedouin'ssss raced into an early 5 point lead when after 5minutes the newly formed centre partnership of 'Jamaican' Ramon Mallette and 'Rhodesian' Keith Winters cut fine lines to allow full back Leigh Bailey-Pearce to score in the corner, a normal Swans 4's would normally therein resist but not this side and after fine movement from the Swans backs they were back level on 13minutes.

The home side then regained the advantage and scored twice in the next 6 minutes as impressive youngster Ben O'Sullivan scored his 10th try of the season quickly followed by a second from Bailey-Pearce which was successfully converted by O'Sullivan.

From looking comfortable with a 17-5 lead, things started to go wrong, Ryan Rogers received a yellow card for a trip on a Swanage wing and as The Bedouin's tried to regroup they suddenly found themselves drawing 17 all at the end of the sin bin and after Rogers return they could still not find the early found confidence.

Half – Time: Bournemouth 4's 17 – Swanage & Wareham 4's 17

In order to secure things changes were made at half time as long term injury victim Mark Jones made a welcome return to Bournemouth colours in place of Ryan Rogers with Lee Dean moving to the wing, Salvatore Ponzio replaced hard-working Charlie Todd in the second row, these changes certainly didn't have the desired effect as The Bedouin's seemed insistent of pressing the self destruct button and after 14 second half minutes found themselves 34-17 down.

What was to follow was pure theatre that Andrew Lloyd Webber would have been proud of, Swanage's fly half saw yellow and the fun began as in the next ten minutes Ramon Mallette ran in 2 exceptional tries, both of which were converted and after the return of the binned player, Keith Winters took advantage of quick line out ball and whilst the visitors were still standing still Dr Winters sprinted over the line in the 67th minute and Ben O'Sullivan coolly took the extra points.

Swanage were far from done and the remaining minutes were spent in the Bournemouth half and images of previous narrow defeats threatening to haunt, some outstanding defence kept Swans at bay, despite losing Keith Winters with a yellow card in the closing minutes for allegedly killing the ball.

For the first time this season The Bedouin's succeeded in closing out a tight game and will be remembered for more than the win, The return of Welsh Wizard Mark Jones, a welcome back from injury of Salvatore Ponzio, Craig Dean's impression of a squashed tomato and a broken nose, Excellent full back Leigh Bailey-Pearce receiving a broken cheek bone in the final me-lee, a return after 2 years in the bar for Lloyd Ball, Sean Buckle taking a ball direct from a Swans kick off and returning it with good yardage, Ben O'Sullivan's mature performance and most memorable of all Mallette and Winters (sounds like a comedy duo).

Bournemouth Fourth's Line Up:

1: Sean Buckle, 2: Guy Andrew, 3: Dan Thomas, 4: Frazer Dougan, 5: Charlie Todd,
6: George Thatcher, 7: Lee Dean, 8: Gregor Scott, 9: Sam St.Barbe, 10: Craig Dean,
11: Ryan Rogers, 12: Keith Winters, 13: Ramon Mallette, 14: Ben O'Sullivan,
15: Leigh Bailey-Pearce

Substitutes:

16: Luke Hughes, 17: Salvatore Ponzio, 18: Mark Jones, 19: Leighton Jones,
20: Lloyd Ball

Scorers:

Tries: Bailey-Pearce (10&19mins), O'Sullivan (16), Mallette (57&64), Winters (67)
Conversions: O'Sullivan (19,57&67), Mallette (64)

Man of The Match: Mark Jones

Doughnuts of The Day: Ryan Rogers (Yellow Card), Ramon Mallette (earring offence)