

## **Bournemouth RFC**

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### **Season 2009/2010**

### **The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship**

### **National 3 South-West**

### **Bournemouth Lions v Redingensians**

Saturday 16 January 2010, KO 2.30 p.m. at Chapel Gate.

**Result:** Bournemouth 11/t2p v 0 Redingensians. **Half-time:** 3/p-0.

**Referee:** Simon Lane; Devon. **Adviser:** David Smith; Somerset. **'Shadowed' by:** Simon Thomas; Hampshire.

**Touch Judges:** Steve Buffery; Bournemouth.

**Bournemouth Team:** 15: Karim Lynch; 14: Anthony Dunkerley; 13: James Payne; 12: Domenick Davies; 11: Rory Hearson/t; 10: Mike Pope/2p; 9: Scott Chislett; 1: Riad Lynch (Tim Wareham HT); 2: Frazer Wilford (Riad Lynch 77); 3: Alan Manning (c); 4: Tim Seward; 5: Will Brooks; 6: Chris Hughes; 7: Iain Crombie (Damian Le Roux 45); 8: Harry Stevenson. **Unused Substitute:** Simon McFarlane.

**Coaches:** David Dunn, Junior Paramore, Robert Todd.

**Sports Therapist:** Ellette Lemprière.

**Yellow Card:** Tim Wareham 79.

**Scorers:** Tries 1: Hearson (50). Penalties 2: Mike Pope (30 66).

**Milestones:** Scott Chislett was selected for his 100th and James Payne for his 75th match in the league

**Redingensians Team:** 15: Tom Allen; 14: Craig Clements; 13: Seb Reynolds; 12: Peter Freeth; 11: Joe Matthams; 10: Simon Swadling; 9: Joe Raitt; 1: Teddy Saunders; 2: Tom Clare (c); 3: James Baker; 4: Sam Hallett; 5: Chris Horn; 6: Matt Hulland; 7: Robbie Stapely; 8: James Watkins. **Substitutes:** Nick Dewland, Simon Parfitt, Sid Matthews.

**Yellow Card:** Nick Dewland 70.

**Scoring Sequence:** 30m: 3-0 Pope/10/p; 40m: Half-time 3/9-0; 50m: 8-0 Hearson/11/t; 66m: Pope/10/p; 80m: Full Time 11/t2p-0.

**League Points:** Bournemouth 4, Redingensians 0.

**League Positions:** Bournemouth go from 6th to 5th. Redingensians drop from 5th to 6th.

**Weather:** Dull and gloomy but not raining and blowing a hooley which had been predicted so we were grateful for that.

**Ground:** Underfoot was another story. Despite the best efforts of groundsman Derek Tapper and some volunteers on Friday in getting the pitch in excellent nick despite what the elements had thrown at us over the past few days, rain of biblical proportions in the morning of the match literally undermined these heroic efforts. As a result, there was much casual water, as Tiger Woods and perhaps some of his girlfriends might say, lying about.

**Kick-off:** Redingensians (Simon Swadling) kicked-off from right to left as viewed from the stand and to his left.

A typical close match between these two long-standing rivals played on a testing surface. That however didn't stopped some exciting passages of play from both sides as they tried to break the grip of some determined defences. As can be seen from the scores and the timings points were at a premium but Bournemouth's almost total territorial domination, especially in the second half, saw that they had the most chances. This domination meant the visitors only had one 'pop' at goal in the whole of the match when they may well have taken the lead and that was early in the first half. After ten minutes or so, Fly-half Mike Pope saw his long range penalty attempt from just goal side of the 10-metre line fall short and it was another twenty minutes or so before he had another opportunity but this time from inside the 22-metre line. His kick saw his side take a 3-nil lead after 30 minutes. By this time Bournemouth

were permanently encamped in the visitors' half but no amount of pressure saw any further points. Right wing Anthony Dunkerley burst through wide out but was called back as the pass was forward. Referee Simon Lane was indicating advantage as the move wide started but Bournemouth counted themselves unlucky that they weren't called back for the original penalty and a chance of a relatively easy three points was lost. Chris Hughes, who had moved from his starting position of blindside to No 8, was beginning to make his presence felt in what was to become an outstanding personal performance. Driving off the back of a scrum or popping up in midfield always meant Bournemouth punched beyond the gain line giving that all important impetus to gaining further ground as his fellow forwards arrived. However handling errors and giving away penalties at the contact nullified many promising moves and Bournemouth were denied increasing this ward-won lead.

In the second half it was largely all Bournemouth. Pope made one searing break as his sureness of foot belied the very soft surface but his looping pass out of the tackle fell behind left wing Rory Hearson and Redingensians were able to clear the danger. However the winger was given another opportunity as Bournemouth swept the ball wide and he was given enough space by a decisive break and a well timed pass by centre James Payne to use his pace to score what has become a long awaited score. Pope pushed his effort across the face of the goal. Although Bournemouth 'creaked' a little in the set piece scrums their line-out work was pretty secure with flanker Iain Crombie and lock Tim Seward especially jumping exceptionally well. This gave a platform for any number of well controlled drives that had the heavier Redingensians pack struggling to contain. Similarly at the breakdown the Bournemouth forwards time and time again drove their opposite numbers back gaining valuable territory and it was a little frustrating that they didn't gain greater reward. In this tight match Bournemouth were grateful to be given another opportunity for a kick at goal after just over an hour and Pope duly delivered from the 22-metre line, his kick squeezing inside the far post. Pope who had kicked intelligently wide to his wings all afternoon saw another effort chased down by Dunkerley just go 'dead' for a scrum back on the 10-metre line. A couple of forlorn attempts at a drop goal by Pope and full-back Karim Lynch came to nought—both reflecting the paucity of scoring opportunities. However Redingensians were far from spent and Bournemouth did well to force openside flanker Robbie Stapely into touch after he made 40 metre break from a scrum. Fly-half Simon Swadling also made a great break from deep into his own half and seemed to be clear with good support outside. However a shuddering tackle by Lynch brought his progress to an abrupt end which did enough to disrupt the pass and Bournemouth were able to recover and prevent the score. Perhaps reflecting their frustration replacement prop Nick Dewland was 'yellow carded' for stamping with ten minutes to go which did their chances of staging a come back no good at all. However despite these alarms Bournemouth managed to contain the opposition but the match ended with the visitors, unusually, deep in Bournemouth territory.

An exciting match with Bournemouth delighted to reverse that bad defeat back in early October. The two sides swapped places in the table—an indication of how closely matched these two sides remain.