



Bournemouth RFC
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Old Patesians 16 v 15 Bournemouth Lions

Bournemouth disappointed not to have prevailed in this close encounter.

Saturday 6 March 2010, KO 2.00 p.m. at Everest Road.

Result: Old Patesians 16/2tpd v 15/2tcp Bournemouth.

Half-time: 13/2td v 3/p.

Referee: Tall Hakim, Humberside Society.

Referee Adviser: Chris Shutie, Oxfordshire Society.

Touch Judges: Steve Buffery, Bournemouth;

Simon Tupper, Old Patesians.

Bournemouth Team: 15: Karim Lynch; 14: Rory Hearson/t;
13: Adam Higgins (Ben Stewart/t 20 Injury); 12: Scott Chislett;
11: Mike Pope/cp; 10: 'Puks' Ngapaku; 9: Dean Bradley;
1: Jo Burns; 2: Fraser Wilford; 3: Alan Manning/C; 4: Will Brooks;
5: Tim Collier; 6: Peter Armstrong (Harry Stevenson 60 Tactical);
7: Neil Stanton-Ketchley; 8: Chris Hughes/t. **Unused:** Riad Lynch.

Coach: David Dunn. **Sports Therapist:** Ellette Lemprière.

Tries 2: Hearson/14/ (48), Stewart/R13/ (54).

Cons 1: Pope/11/ (48). **Pens 1:** Pope/11/ (40).

Milestones: Rory Hearson scores 100 points in all matches this season. Alan Manning plays in his 100th game, Chris Hughes in his 50th and Fraser Wilford in his 25th in all matches. Peter Armstrong manages to get of bed to play.

Old Patesians: 15: Nielson Webber/p; 14: Stuart Taylor/t;
13: Barnaby Pascall; 12: Steven Bryant; 11: Christopher Howell;
10: Michael Wilcox/d; 9: Darren Moore; 1: James King/t;
2: Oliver Smith (Matthew Jones 60 Tactical); 3: Simon Brown;
4: Duncan Kelly; 5: Robert Fidler;
6: Heath Gunther (Charles Summat 66 Injury); 7: Giles Potter;
8: Brett Harvey. **Unused:** Geraint Davies.

Scoring Sequence: 1m: 0-3 Michael Wilcox/10/d;
16m: 0-8 James King/1/t; 30m: 0-13 Chris Howell/11/t;
40m: 3-13 Pope/11/p; **40m: Half-time** 3/p-13/2td;
48m: 13-10 Hearson/14/t, Pope/11/c;
54m: 15-13 Ben Stewart/R13/t; 70m: 15-16 Nielson Webber/15/p;

80m: Full Time 15/2tcp-16/2tpd.

League Points Gained: Bournemouth 1 (losing bonus point).
Old Patesians 4 (win bonus points).

League Positions:

Bournemouth remain 4th on 64 pts.

P22 W12 D2 L8. For 522, Ag 367.

Old Patesians remain 2nd on 86 pts.

P22 W18 D0 L4. For 660, Ag 267.

Weather: Bright but with a cool Northerly breeze which blew straight down (up) the pitch.

Ground: Underfoot was very heavy and energy sapping.

Kick-off: Old Patesians kicked down the slope towards the clubhouse and into the breeze.

So that was it! One drop goal by fly-half Herbert Michael Wilcox in the first minute or so sealed the match! What more can I say. What more do I need to say I hear you ask! What I can say briefly is that this vital score reflected on just how tight this game was as two well-matched sides fought it out on a very heavy pitch with, at times, some exciting running rugby football which belied the underfoot conditions. In the end, dare I say, massive relief on one side and disappointment of equal proportions on the other!

Right from the kick-off, OPs chased down Wilcox's kick with some serious intent, secured the ball and moved it right where the fly-half dropped that all important goal. Oh dear! 3-nil down in no time at all. Left wing Mike Pope restarted going left but OPs turned the ball over for a scrum on their own 10-metre line. Scrum-half Darren Moore chipped from the base of the scrum but Pope kicked the ball back and OPs promptly countered by going left. Bournemouth's defence turned the ball over for a scrum on the half-way line. No 8 Chris Hughes drove off the scrum supported by loosehead prop Jo Burns. It was released to fly-half 'Puks' Ngapaku who delicately chipped the OPs's line but it was fielded and the compliment returned with a less delicate kick down field. Full-back Karim Lynch, who was to have a busy afternoon fielding such situations, and promptly baged back to the OPs 22-metre. It was then Pope's turn to field the return and he rather less ambitiously found touch to his left on the Bournemouth 10-metre line for an OPs throw. Initially OPs drove off the line-out but when they released the ball left the OPs outside centre Barnaby Pascall made great inroads into the Bournemouth defence but despite linking with fellow centre Steve Bryant OPs contrived to knock the ball on for a Bournemouth scrum deep inside their own 22-metre. Inside centre Scott Chislett cleared right and after an exchange of kicks Bournemouth eventually had the throw-in just over the half-way line down their left. The ball was moved right with tight head prop Alan Manning leading the charge supported by hooker Fraser Wilford. With the ball being taken promisingly deep into the OPs half, scrum-half Dean Bradley unfortunately knocked on as he tried to deal with a difficult ball at the ruck for an OPs scrum on their 22-metre line. They kicked long and Lynch and

another exchange of kicks before he drilled it low to his left for an OPs line-out just outside their own 22-metre line. Moore chipped the ball off the line-out and Bournemouth were 'pinged' for holding on as they tried to deal with it under the pressure of the chasers and, from the Bournemouth 10-metre line, full-back Nielson Webber had his first chance to kick for goal. An otherwise fine attempt was pulled across the face of the goal and Bournemouth escaped further sanction. From the drop-out OPs attacked left and Moore again chipped the defence. Coolly, Lynch 'dummied' the chaser to give himself more room and time to clear to his right. When play broke down as OPs went right Bournemouth won a scrum. As they went left with outside centre Adam Higgins coming in on the burst OPs 'turned the ball over' and Pascall again showed how dangerous he was as he broke a number of tackles. With plenty of support available the ball was moved left and loosehead prop James King was on hand to crash through the last of the Bournemouth defence to score out on the left. Webber, kicking in to a not unsubstantial breeze, pushed his effort past the far post to leave the score at 8-nil with just over a quarter-of-an-hour gone.

Meanwhile Higgins had damaged the same thumb that he had hurt at Maidenhead at the end of October and was forced to retire to be replaced by Ben Stewart.

Pope restarted by going left and when OPs kicked the ball back, Hughes did well in fielding the ball and OPs were penalized for handling on the ground in their efforts to retrieve the ball. Ngapaku with a fine kick found touch on his left on the OPs 22-metre line. Despite lock Tim Collier winning the ball at the front, Bournemouth were subsequently penalized and Wilcox cleared to his right for an OPs line-out on their 10-metre line. Lock Robert Fidler secured the ball at the back of the line enabling Moore to yet chip again but an OPs knock-on gave Bournemouth a scrum outside their 22-metre line. Hughes linked well with Ngapaku as the fly-half went back inside but OPs won the ball and Lynch was forced into action again when he returned the kick for an OPs line-out on the half-way line on his right. OPs drove off the line-out before releasing the ball to Moore who swung the ball right. Lynch was very strong as the ball was chased down from another kick but Bournemouth were forced to concede a scrum. In trying to defend the OPs thrust going right Bournemouth were penalized for not 'rolling away' and Wilcox found touch down his right just ten or so metres out from the Bournemouth line. OPs inevitably went for the line with some 'pick up and goes' but it was winger Chris Howell who eventually went over wide out on the right. Webber wasn't able to add the two extra points but his side lead 13-nil after half-an-hour's play.

OPs returned Pope's kick off for a Bournemouth line-out on their 10-metre line down the left touch. Bradley's kick was well chased down and Ngapaku was able to swing the ball right. Pope came off his wing and made a great break but perhaps he delayed his pass too long and it was adjudged forward as he tried to find Stewart. When the scrum went thorough 180 degrees Bournemouth were given the put-in. Hughes again drove off the back and linked with Bradley as they went left. Right wing Rory Hearson came into the line but when he was stopped Bournemouth came back right with Lynch and Hearson combining. However OPs were able to win the put-in at a scrum on their 22-metre line. Another exchange of kicks resulted in a Bournemouth line-out on their right on the half-way line. Lock Will Brooks set up the drive off the line-out and they won a scrum when going forward. Bournemouth made a wonderful break down the short side and with Lynch providing the extra man Hearson wasn't able to hold onto his pass with the line at his mercy and a cut glass opportunity went a begging!

Bournemouth were penalized at the scrum for 'boring in' and OPs cleared any further danger with a line-out down their left on the half-way line. Hooker Oliver Smith overthrew his catchers and a surprised Peter Armstrong at the back burst away only for Bournemouth to be penalized for running into each other for an OPs scrum. They dropped the ball midfield as they went right but Chislett was not able to pick up cleanly and Bournemouth had a scrum instead on the OPs 22-metre line. Hughes again drove off the back and had Collier in support. With OPs desperately defending only a timely 'knock down' prevented the ball being moved wide as Bournemouth sought the opening but meanwhile Hughes was hurt and had to leave the field for treatment. OPs managed to take play to their 10-metre line but were again penalized and Pope was given the opportunity to get the scoreboard going. He hit the nearside upright but as the ball went clear it came off an OPs player but another coming in from an offside position picked up the ball and was penalized. Pope from perhaps fifteen metres out made sure this time and Bournemouth were 3-13 with a couple of minutes to go in the half. Ngapaku fielded the kick-off and when Pascall knocked on referee Hakim Tall blew to end the half.

During the half-time interval, Chris Hughes, walking rather gingerly, joined his colleagues in the huddle so he seemed fit enough to continue.

Bournemouth knocked on at the restart and from the scrum OPs attacked down the short side to their right. Lynch fielded the kick and he linked with Collier going right. Chislett gathered Ngapaku's chip and he in turn linked with Manning. A Pope kick deep in to the OPs 22-metre saw an OPs knock-on right on the try line for a Bournemouth 5-metre scrum. A good start! However OPs turned the ball over and cleared left for

a Bournemouth line-out on the half-way line. Not so good! Collier won the ball at the back and Hearson was given a run. Bournemouth's ball retention was very good as they took play back down field where they won a penalty outside the OPs 22-metre line. A yelp of anguish by the kicker signalled the ball hadn't been struck cleanly and, sure enough, Pope's kick into the wind was short for OPs to clear right for another Bournemouth line-out on the half-way line. The ball was moved right where Stewart made a dent in the OPs defensive line with support from Pope, Chislett and Bradley only for OPs to win it back. A long kick left saw Bournemouth with a throw-in only ten metres short of their line. Collier secured the ball at the front and it was moved left with Lynch coming into the line to take play deep into the OPs half. In a fine passage of play denying OPs any chance of getting the ball with Ngapaku orchestrating manoeuvres Bournemouth probed and probed before going right for Hearson to twist and turn through the defence to stretch and ground the ball for Bournemouth's first try wide out. Pope did his bit with an excellent kick and the Bournemouth supporters were delighted to see the flags go aloft to register the two points and the visitors had got the deficit down to just three points at 10-13 with less than ten minutes of the second half gone.

Lynch banged the restart back down field for OPs to return the ball with a kick of their own. Hearson failed to find touch down the right but Bournemouth do find touch after another exchange of kicks for an OPs line-out on the Bournemouth 10-metre line. The ball wasn't straight for a Bournemouth scrum but with Bournemouth struggling to retain it Bradley kicked the ball straight out for an OPs line-out still on the Bournemouth 10-metre line but on the opposite side of the pitch. OPs went left taking play deep into the Bournemouth half where they were penalized. OPs took a quick penalty but the ball was knocked on for a Bournemouth scrum on their 5-metre line. All pretty desperate stuff! Ngapaku found sanctuary of the touchline on the right but still inside his 22-metre line. Armstrong won it at the back which set up a great Bournemouth move as the swept back down field where relentless interplay with Chislett featuring strongly as did his captain Manning made the opening for Stewart to force his way over wide out on the left. Pope pushed his effort across the face of the goal rather as Webber had done from a similar position in the first half but Bournemouth were in the lead for the first time in the match at 15-13 with more twenty-five minutes to play.

There was another exchange of kicks before Lynch 'marked' the ball. He kicked long to his left and OPs could only help it into touch as they leapt to try and catch it for a Bournemouth line-out on the half-way line. Ngapaku did very well under considerable pressure to get his kick away but OPs countered

to their right where Bournemouth forced them into touch for a line-out on the OPs 10-metre line. The ball went straight to ground and OPs kicked it long to Lynch who kicked it back for an OPs line-out this time on the half-way line. Openside flanker Neil Stanton-Ketchley was very quick up on Wilcox inducing the knock on. Coach David Dunn took the opportunity to swap Armstrong for Stevenson. Hughes went right with Chislett on offer but the ball was knocked on for an OPs scrum on the OPs 10-metre line. Wilcox put in an intelligent chip which was regathered and Bournemouth were grateful that the pass was forward to stop a dangerous move. Unfortunately the pass from Ngapaku to Chislett as Bournemouth broke equally dangerously from the subsequent suffered from the same characteristic. However the OPs scrum was pushed backwards and they did well to recover and set up a counter drive. The referee after playing advantage took play back to the original Bournemouth infringement and OPs found touch to their left on the Bournemouth 22-metre line. However they rather nullified this hard-won advantage by not throwing the ball in straight for a Bournemouth scrum. With the referee signalling scrum-half Moore was offside at the scrum he allowed play to continue when Bournemouth kicked down field. OPs set up a strong counter attack and with Bournemouth desperately defending their line Collier was yellow carded for not allowing fair release and Webber regained the homeside's advantage at 16-15 with a relatively easy kick from just right of the posts with nearly a quarter of an hour to go.

At the restart Bournemouth were penalized for holding on as they sought to run back at the opposition and Wilcox found touch on his right just outside the Bournemouth 10-metre line. OPs were penalized in turn as they took play deeper into the Bournemouth half and Ngapaku was able to regain the lost ground by finding touch on the half-way line to his left. However OPs turned the ball over and Bournemouth found themselves under some pressure back in their own half. OPs had clearly found something extra and their play reflected their determination to hold onto their advantage. However Hakim Tall had occasion to lecture lock Duncan Kelly for a few moments and Ngapaku found touch on the OPs 22-metre line down his left. Bournemouth tried desperately to exploit this advantage down the short side with first Stewart then hooker Fraser Wilford taking the ball ever closer for Chislett to almost get there. However OPs managed to steal the ball and cleared right for another Bournemouth line-out. There was some confusion as to where the ball was going and Bournemouth knocked the ball on for an OPs scrum. They cleared the ball even further away from danger for a Bournemouth line-out but this time back on the OPs 10-metre line. Brooks secured the ball at the front but excellent OPs defence induced the penalty when Bournemouth

were guilty of holding on and Wilcox forced play further up field where Bournemouth had to resist a series of OPs drive tight on their line.

With OPs feeling they had won a penalty for offside Chislett grabbed the ball and hared down field. He made it almost of the way to the half-way line but got the ball away to the supporting Pope. He beat one man but his progressed had been

had been hindered just enough for the cover to get to him. As he went to ground Pope tried desperately to get the ball back inside to Chislett but there was the touch judge's flag aloft to indicate he had been in touch. Collier came back on for this last couple of minutes but Bournemouth's last chance had gone and Hakim Tall blew his final whistle witnessed by a crestfallen Bournemouth side.