



**Bournemouth RFC**  
**The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship – National 3 South West**  
**Season 2011/2012**



**Bournemouth Lions 85 v 14 Amersham & Chiltern**  
**Gallant Chiltern no match for a Rampant Bournemouth**  
**Saturday, 17 September 2011, KO 3 p.m. at Chapel Gate**

**Result:** Bournemouth 85/13t10c v Amersham & Chiltern 14/2t2c. **Half-time:** 40/6t5c v 7/tc.

**Referee:** Carl Bennett; Somerset. **Touch Judges:** Nigel Brunning; Bournemouth. Charles Owen-Conway; Amersham & Chiltern

**Bournemouth:** James Flynn, Ben Stewart/t, Robert Bruce/t, Scott Chislett/t, Dan Mallard/4t, Dan Pollard/10c, Sam Hardcastle/2t (Injured 67), Joe Tarrant, Frazer Wilford (Riad Lynch 54), Alan Manning/C/t, Tim Seward, Callum Forrest, Jack Hennings/3t, Anthony Dunkerley (Alex Horne 50), Gavin Hart. **Yellow Card:** Riad Lynch 72.

**Man of the Match:** Jack Hennings.

**Coach:** David Dunn. **Sports Therapists:** Simon Fitch, Andy Curtis. **Video Analyst:** Helen Ryan.

**Tries:** Stewart 12, Mallard 15 25 41 80, Manning 28, Hennings 31 56 77, Chislett 39, Bruce 48, Hardcastle 61 65.

**Cons:** Pollard 12 25 28 31 39 41 56 65 77 80.

**League Points:** Bournemouth 5 (Four points for a win plus one try-scoring bonus point), Amersham & Chiltern 0.

**League Positions:** Bournemouth 1st on 15 points. Amersham & Chiltern 13th on 1 point.

**In the League:** Scott Chislett extends his own consecutive appearances record as a back to 46 and extends his own record of appearances as inside centre to 54. Alan Manning extends his own record of consecutive appearances as captain to 41, which is also the tight-head and forward record. With four tries, Dan Mallard scores for the first time in the league. Jack Hennings scores his first hat-trick.

**Weather:** Sunny, but for a short shower, with a strong breeze from the West which blew straight down the pitch but abated during the match.

**Ground:** The ground was firm under foot but with a good covering of grass.

**Kick-off:** Amersham & Chiltern (Jack Perkins) kicked off right to left as viewed from the stand and against the wind.

Chiltern were penalized as Bournemouth received the ball from the kick-off and Pollard found touch to his right. Hardcastle broke through at the line-out and a surging movement announced Bournemouth's intentions with loosehead prop Tarrant almost getting in at the corner for a Chiltern line-out. Forrest managed to steal the ball and Bournemouth were again going forward and Mallard was kept out by a determined Chiltern defence. However despite some excellent play it was poor passing that checked a number of movements. Chiltern managed to break the stranglehold and broke out. Pollard kicked to ball out on the full and Chiltern had a line-out some 30 metres out from the Bournemouth line. Bournemouth managed to force play back up field and were awarded a penalty when Chiltern wheeled a scrum. Pollard from just outside the Chiltern pulled his attempt at goal to the left. Dunkerley, who had another outstanding game broke right then went left but the ball came back right and Stewart with a sidestep was too strong for the defence as they conceded a try, Pollard added the two points and Bournemouth were on their way at 7-nil after just over ten minutes. Three minutes later Mallard showed good pace down his wing to score wide out. With Pollard's kick failing Bournemouth lead 12-nil after a quarter of an hour. Inexplicably poor defence allowed a delighted full back Dan Kinsey in on the left and he made no mistake in converting his own try for Amersham to be given a glimpse of hope at 7-12. This seemed to wake Bournemouth up and they added four more tries through Mallard, Manning, Hennings and Chislett in the second quarter to lead 40-12 at half-time with exciting play that originated from all over the pitch that proved too much for Chiltern to contain. So for the third week in succession, Bournemouth had secured their try-scoring bonus point before half-time.

Mallard delivered a telling blow when he completed a hat-trick immediately on the restart. Pollard added to the visitors' misery by converting from wide out on the left. It was, in fact, a wonder that Bournemouth didn't score than the seven tries they did score in that second half because they had the Chiltern defence at full stretch the whole time but any number of passes going astray and a spirited Chiltern defence conspired to deny Bournemouth. For the Bournemouth supporters they enjoyed the strength of Hennings and Bruce and the more subtle running skills of Hardcastle as they each scored tries in characteristic fashion. Right at the death, Mallard, with great pace to beat the defence, became only the sixth Bournemouth player to score four or more tries in a match. Pollard completed proceedings with another fine conversion from wide out on the left.

A hard day at the office for Chiltern who have enjoyed three successive promotions. Needless to say it was our biggest win against them but only our second success in seven meetings and Bournemouth's fourth highest score in the league. So the best start we have ever made in the league in terms of points and tries scored.

**Doug Warren.**