



Bournemouth RFC
The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship – National 3 South West
Season 2011/2012
Saturday, 29 October 2011, KO 3 p.m. at Old Bath Road



Redingensians Rams 17pts

HT: 12pts
Tries: R Stapley 24 51, Flynn 40. **Conversions:** W Clarke 24.

Bournemouth Lions..... 23pts

HT: 23pts
Tries: K Lynch 5, Searle 9 36. **Conversions:** Pollard 5. **Penalties:** Pollard 20 32.

In the end Bournemouth managed to hold on in a keenly-fought scrap

Result: Redingensians 17/3tc v 23/3tc2p Bournemouth. **HT:** 12/2tc v 23/3tc2p.

Weather: Cloudy with occasional bright spells with a freshish Westerly breeze that blew more or less straight across the pitch and moderated as the game progressed.

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

Kick-off: Bournemouth (Robbie Searle) kicked off from the clubhouse end and to his left.

TO BE POINTLESS, much as Alexander Armstrong might like it, in the second half was not the point of this game and it was disappointing not to secure that try-scoring bonus point. However, in the end, these two evenly-matched teams, who scrapped for everything in a pulsating and riveting second half, left Bournemouth pleased to have come away with the win and Redingensians feeling 'we might have sneaked that!'. Bournemouth got off to a fabulous start with tries from full back Lynch and right wing Searle who finished off moves that had all the hallmarks of a confident team. A penalty by newly restored fly-half Pollard gave a very encouraging look to the score-line at 15-nil after twenty minutes. However the home side came back strongly and their strong No 8 Stapley, who was to prove a real handful all afternoon, scored as his fellow forwards drove Bournemouth back from a line-out. Normal service seemed to have been restored with a further penalty from Pollard, with a finely judged kick in the cross wind, reward for more dynamic Bournemouth play and then Searle, again, doing very well to get over in the corner to finish off more Bournemouth pressure. The trouble was that was to be the last time Bournemouth was to trouble the scorers. Redingensians again came back strongly and again put the Bournemouth forwards under immense pressure. Twice the ball was moved right and, although Bournemouth managed to contain the first thrust, it again went quickly through the hands and full back Flynn was over in the corner in a trice. Fly-half Clarke failed to convert but the Rams went into the interval with a more manageable 12-23 deficit.

The second half was to prove a monumental scrap and Redingensians clearly came out thinking that they were very much in this game. No quarter was given as both sides cut down any initiative by the other side with uncompromising tackles. However, it was Stapley again who broke the deadlock when he was driven over for his second try to bring his side to within just six points of Bournemouth. With thirty or so minutes left to play there was plenty of time for this game to be lost or won! Neither side, however, was going to allow the other that vital score and, as Redingensians strove mightily to cross that line, Bournemouth were very grateful to be awarded a scrum under their own posts and for referee Ed McWalter to blow the whistle for no side.

It was a very brave effort by both sides to impose their will on the other but it was Bournemouth's impressive fast start, when it seemed they might even run riot, that was to prove decisive in the end. Redingensians do not lie third for no reason and they responded to the challenge and very nearly recovered the situation. Entertaining stuff if a little hard on the nerves! **Doug Warren.**

Teams

Bournemouth: Karim Lynch/t, Robbie Searle/2t, Dan Connolly, Robert Bruce, James Flynn, Dan Pollard/c2p, Sam Hardcastle, Tim Wareham, Frazer Wilford, Alan Manning/C, Tim Seward, Callum Forrest, Jack Hennings (Joe Tarrant 47), Iain Crombie, Gavin Hart.

Unused: Riad Lynch, Ben Stewart.

Coaches: David Dunn, Tim Collier.

Medical Team:

Andy Curtis, Simon Fitch.

Video Analyst: Helen Ryan.

Redingensians: Jez Flynn/t, Dom Gosling, Seb Reynolds, Azza Hopkins/C, Joao Costa, Will Clarke/c, Joe Raitt, Chris Rumble, Michael Clarke (Mike Fisher 45), James Baker, Owen Root, Mike Turner, Andrew Amor (Connor Stapley 61), Aaron Hopkins, Rob Stapley/2t.

Unused: Andrew Webb.

Referee: Ed McWalter, Gloucestershire.

Referee Observer:

Simon Thomas, Hampshire.

Touch Judges:

Nigel Brunning, Graham Frost.

Man of the Match: Karim Lynch.

League Points: Bournemouth 4 (Win), Redingensians 1 (Losing bonus point).

League Positions: Bournemouth remain first on 44 points. Redingensians remain third on 36 points.

In All Matches: Alan Manning selected for the 150th time.

Match Results • 29 October 2011

Bridgwater & A 7-34 Barnstaple
 Chinnor 39-16 Amersham & C
 Chippenham 39-7 Newbury Blues
 Newton Abbot 17-6 Old Redcliffians
 Old Patesians 43-38 Exmouth
Redingensians 17-23 Bournemouth
 Weston-s-Mare 65-10 Oxford Hqns

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Team	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Diff	Pts	T	L	A	Tot	Opponents on 12 Nov 2011
1 Bournemouth	9	9	0	0	509	84	425	36	8			44	Bridgwater & Albion (h)
2 Chinnor	9	9	0	0	343	111	232	36	6			42	Barnstaple (a)
3 Redingensians	9	7	0	2	300	136	164	28	6	2		36	Newbury Blues (a)
4 Weston-s-Mare	9	6	0	3	287	187	100	24	6			30	Exmouth (a)
5 Newton Abbot	9	6	0	3	264	155	109	24	3	1		28	Chippenham (h)
6 Barnstaple	9	6	0	3	193	140	53	24	3	1		28	Chinnor (h)
7 Exmouth	9	4	0	5	297	252	45	16	4	3		23	Weston-super-Mare (h)
8 Old Patesians	9	4	0	5	283	285	-2	16	6			22	Amersham & Chiltern (a)
9 Chippenham	9	4	0	5	215	313	-98	16	5			21	Newton Abbot (a)
10 Old Redcliffians	9	4	0	5	175	190	-15	16	2	1		19	Oxford Harlequins (h)
11 Amersham & C	9	2	0	7	152	338	-186	8	2	2		12	Old Patesians (h)
12 Oxford Hqns	9	2	0	7	117	394	-277	8	1			9	Old Redcliffians (a)
13 Newbury Blues	9	0	0	9	129	400	-271	0	1	1		2	Redingensians (h)
14 Bridgwater & A	9	0	0	9	121	400	-279	0	1	1		2	Bournemouth (a)