Bournemouth RFC
Dorset & Wilts RFU Senior KO Cup – Semi-final
Season 2011/2012
Saturday, 26 November 2011, KO 2.15 p.m. at Castle Road

Salisbury.....14pts
HT: 9pts
Tries: Jack Martin/Sub 44. **Penalties:** Rory Davis/10 2 20 25.

Bournemouth Lions.....36pts
HT: 19pts
Tries: Bruce 8, Searle 31, Penalty 36, Mallard 66, Fitch 80.
Conversions: Searle 8 36 66 80. **Penalties:** Searle 63.

Bournemouth safely through to fifth successive final

Result: Salisbury 14/t3p v 36/5t4cp Bournemouth. **HT:** 9/3p v 19/3t2c.
Weather: Dull and overcast with a freshish South Westerly breeze that blew straight down the pitch.
Ground: The ground was firm under foot with a good covering of grass.
Kick-off: Salisbury kicked off towards the clubhouse and with the wind.
With a number of youngsters making their 1st XV debut and acquitting themselves well Bournemouth eventually ran out comfortable winners against old rivals Salisbury. The forwards made sure the platform was made for the backs to run in four tries. They made one for themselves when they forced their opposite numbers to yield a penalty try reflecting some of the pressure they exerted. Sam Veneroso, deputizing for the injured Sam Hardcastle, caught the eye with a reliable service and on one particular occasion the confidence to take on the opposition himself with a scintillating break well supported by flanker Alex Horne which might well have led to a try. James Payne made his first appearance in a 'representative' game since October last season and he showed much of his old strength in taking on his opposite number and might have scored late in the game. He asked your correspondent not to mention that he dropped the ball short of the line so I won't. Two typical three-quarter moves showing some of the confident handling this season saw Dan Mallard and Anthony Fitch, with his first try, score late in the game to give more gloss to that final total. Earlier Robert Bruce was at his rollicking best to open the scoring and Robbie Searle deputizing at fly-half for the first time showed good skill to jink his way through for the second try when the move seemed to have faltered to make his contribution 16 points in total.
So Bournemouth play Chippenham in what will be their fourteenth appearance in the final and have the chance of equalling Swanage & Wareham's record of twelve cup wins.
Elsewhere the seconds had a walkover against Trowbridge and thus meet Swanage & Wareham, who beat Salisbury at Bestwall today, in the 2nd XV final and the thirds, who beat Swanage & Wareham today at Chapel Gate, meet Chippenham in the final. This is the second time in three seasons that Bournemouth have had a side in each of the three finals. Dates and venues for all three matches to be confirmed.
Doug Warren.

Photo by: Denis Murphy
Robert Bruce scores the first try despite the attentions of Salisbury's Tom Pottage

Teams

Bournemouth: Rob Payne, Tom Westlake, Ben Stewart, Robert Bruce/t, Dan Mallard/t, Robbie Searle/t4cp, Sam Veneroso, Joe Tarrant, Frazer Wilford/C, Andy Wiseman, Tim Seward, Callum Forrest, Alex Horne, Neil Stanton-Ketchley, Gavin Hart. **Substitutes:** Peter Armstrong, Anthony Fitch/t, Ryan Smith, James Payne, Ricky Woodard. **Unused:** Jo Burns. **Debuts:** Ryan Smith, Rob Payne, Sam Veneroso, Tom Westlake. **In a Representative Match:** Anthony Fitch, Ricky Woodard.
Yellow Card: Neil Stanton-Ketchley 39
Coach: David Dunn.
Medical Team: Stephen Trapp.
Salisbury: Richard Roe, Tom Pottage, Rob Larcombe, Simon Quick, Luke Tunabuna, Rory Davis/3p, Andy Herriott, Luke Esnouf, Dan Hobbs, Gareth Blackborow (Capt), Shane Johnstone, Arnie Vyas, Nick Taylor, Jon Kay, Josh Green. **Substitutes:** Rich West, Jack Martin/t, James Kay, Dave Salomon, Tom Emmett, Charlie Jennings.
Referee: Ian Bibey; Dorset & Wilts.
Touch Judges:
Ian Binfield, Rupert Dyke; Dorset & Wilts.
In All Matches: James Payne played in his 100th game and Callum Forrest in his 75th.